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control of Nabatiya

By HIRSH GOODMAN  
Post Defence Correspondent

Units from General Antoine Lahad's South Lebanon Army will take over responsibility for the Nabatiya area, including the town, at the beginning of September. This will be the first area handed over to the South Lebanon Army, though the SLA in the past has been given defined tasks in areas controlled by the Israel Defence Forces.

Defence sources told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday that the handing over of Nabatiya to Lahad should not be taken as an indication that the IDF was about to redeploy in southern Lebanon, but as a "link in the chain of events that will eventually lead to an Israeli withdrawal."

The move into Nabatiya — a town of 30,000 inhabitants, mainly Shiites — will in fact be an acid test for the future feasibility of deploying the SLA in areas to be vacated by the IDF. Nabatiya, a major PLO stronghold before the Lebanon War, is considered an extremely hostile environment by Israeli military circles — so much so that recently the IDF built a road to circumvent the town in order to cut down on Israeli

casualties caused by ambushes there.

Though Lahad's men will probably be accepted with open hostility by the inhabitants of the town, maintaining order there and preventing a PLO return are considered attainable goals by defence planners here.

In addition to being able to field relatively disciplined and well-trained troops into the town, armed with better equipment than potential antagonists, Lahad's forces in Nabatiya will have territorial continuity with the major established Christian enclave around Marjayoun, across the Litani River.

In addition to moving into Nabatiya, Lahad's forces will continue to maintain operational functions in areas under IDF control in Sidon, Badr a-Shouf, near Jezzine, and other areas in the central and western sectors of southern Lebanon.

One of the major factors militating against the deployment of Lahad's forces in other areas of southern Lebanon in order to relieve pressure on the IDF is that despite recruitment efforts, its size remains at under 2,000, and it remains predominantly Christian in composition.

## Shouf crossing point reopens today

By MENAHEM HOROWITZ  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

METULLA. — The Batei A-Shouf crossing point north of Jezzine in Lebanon will open this morning, after being closed for four days so the Israel Defence Forces could implement security arrangements.

The crossing will open at 7 a.m. but only for pedestrians and trucks. Private Lebanese vehicles will no longer be permitted to use the crossing, since in the past few months terrorists have managed to infiltrate car bombs into IDF-held territory.

Lebanese citizens wishing to cross will have to leave their cars at the crossing, cross by foot and take cabs or buses to their destination.

The IDF has paved a new road adjacent to the crossing and installed devices to check the cargoes of trucks.

Israel will permit Lebanese citizens to pass through the Jib Jannin crossing in the eastern sector three times a week.

Uri Lubrani, Israeli coordinator for Lebanon, said the army also hoped to cut down on narcotics traffic from the north.

Soldier killed in Lebanon  
when vehicle overturns

By MENAHEM HOROWITZ  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

METULLA. — An Israeli soldier was killed and another wounded late Wednesday night in Lebanon. Another soldier was wounded lightly yesterday in another incident in Lebanon.

Rav Samal Mordechai Bachari, 38, who was killed Wednesday night, was buried yesterday afternoon in the military section of the Tzur Shalom cemetery north of Haifa.

Bachari died when the armoured personnel carrier in which he was riding overturned during a search for guerrillas who had attacked another armoured personnel carrier and a water carrier near the village of Amik in the eastern sector of Lebanon. Another soldier riding in the same armoured personnel carrier as Bachari was injured, and was evacuated to Rambam Hospital in Haifa.

There were no casualties in the original attack.

The question of whether the

attack came from a unit that had infiltrated from Syrian-held territory or from a unit within Israeli-controlled territory is under investigation.

The eastern sector commander ordered a senior officer in the sector to look into how the armoured personnel carrier overturned and reach conclusions on how to prevent repetition of the accident.

Yesterday morning, another attack on Israeli soldiers took place in Nabatiya. An IDF patrol travelling near the Nabatiya football field was shot at with light-arms fire and a LAW shoulder missile. The missile hit a stone wall, and the soldier was injured from ricochets and evacuated.

A few minutes later a roadside bomb exploded near Israeli soldiers who arrived on the scene of the incident. There were no injuries.

Yesterday afternoon there was also an attempted attack on South Lebanon Army troops, but no one was hurt.

## Lebanon's C-o-S is killed

BEIRUT (AP). — Lebanon's chief of staff and highest-ranking Druse army officer, who would have played a key role in restoring government authority over this war-torn nation, was killed yesterday in a helicopter crash on a fog-shrouded mountain, the military command announced.

Maj. Gen. Nadim Hakim was killed, along with two aides, a three-man crew, three army corporals and a Lebanese news photographer, in the fiery crash in the Cedar Mountains between the north Lebanese towns of Ehdun and Bahari, the command from the command said.

There were no survivors. Bodies of the victims were all recovered

from the area, which is about 70 kilometres north of Beirut, and an investigation into the crash has been ordered, the command said.

Hakim, 55, was deeply involved in efforts to get in place a security plan designed to re-establish government authority over the central Lebanese mountains that are controlled by Druse warlord Walid Jumblatt's militia.

105 killed, 320 wounded as  
Moslems battle in Tripoli

BEIRUT. — Rival Moslem militias battled with mortars, multiple rocket launchers and machine guns into a fourth straight day in Lebanon's northern port of Tripoli yesterday. The police said 105 people have been killed and 320 wounded.

Religious and community leaders cabled appeals to Syrian President Hafez Assad to intervene and stop what one telegram called "this massive bloodbath" in Lebanon's second largest city, radio stations reported.

The Syrian army has controlled north and east Lebanon since its 1976 intervention to halt the first round of the Lebanese civil war. Syrian troops maintain checkpoints around Tripoli but have no presence inside the city, which has 500,000 inhabitants.

A new ceasefire was called at 4 a.m. yesterday. Random bombard-



Aides restrain retired Argentine Army Gen. Luciano Menendez after he pulled out a 30-centimetre knife and tried to attack protesters who taunted him with cries of "Assassin! assassin!" Menendez is accused of committing human-rights abuses during anti-leftist repression in the 1970s. He was ousted from his post as Third Army Corps commander after a 1979 coup attempt he led. (UPI telephoto)

## Wave of labour unrest is expected

By ROY ISACOWITZ  
and AVI TEMKIN

Jerusalem Post Reporters

TEL AVIV. — Labour disputes affecting the entire public sector and much of the industrial sector are expected to be declared next week over the Finance Ministry's refusal to revise tax brackets, welfare points and child allowances.

An attempt by the Knesset Finance Committee to mediate the dispute failed yesterday, amid acrimony between Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Or and Histadrut Secretary-General Yisrael Kessar. Kessar said after the bitter meeting that the Histadrut would not hold talks with the government until Cohen-Or rescinded his decision not to revise tax brackets.

Cohen-Or said that real wages are higher by some 15 per cent than their average for 1983/84. "There is no agreement between the Treasury and the labour federation on the monthly adjustment of tax brackets," he added.

Kessar's deadline to Cohen-Or to change his mind expires today. On Sunday, the Histadrut

executive will meet to approve the recommendations of the "action committee" that is coordinating the struggle with the Treasury.

Among the recommendations expected to be approved on Sunday are the declaration of labour disputes by all the national trade unions, and nationwide "explanatory meetings" during work hours next week. During the meetings, labour leaders will present the calculations of Histadrut economists that failure to revise the tax brackets will cause the erosion of 60 per cent of the cost-of-living increment due to be paid early next month.

The appearance of both Cohen-Or and Kessar at the meeting of the Knesset Finance Committee here yesterday interrupted a discussion on the country's foreign reserves situation. Participants described the clash between the two men as "bitter and heated."

Kessar told the committee that the Histadrut's agreement to sign the recent C-o-L and wage agreements had been conditional on the "suitable" updating of tax brackets with the payment of every C-o-L incre-

ment. That condition had been acceptable to Cohen-Or, who in fact did update the brackets in subsequent months, Kessar said.

He expressed his amazement that Cohen-Or had not mentioned his intention not to revise the tax brackets at a meeting between the two men two days before the announcement — and that the announcement had been made through the media.

The minister's intention is clear, Kessar said. "He demands a package deal from the Histadrut, but the real intention is a significant reduction of the cost-of-living allowance." The Histadrut will not agree to the workers' being the minister's "hostages," he added.

Kessar concluded by saying that Cohen-Or's actions "agitate labour relations and break the industrial peace" that has existed since the signing of the 1984-1986 work agreements.

Cohen-Or stressed at the Knesset committee meeting that the \$5 billion his move will save the public coffers is a large figure. He added that the non-adjustment of

## Cairo envoy to Moscow

CAIRO (Reuters). — Egypt's newly appointed ambassador to Moscow, Salah Bassayoni, left Cairo yesterday to take up his post, upgrading relations between the two countries. The late president Anwar Sadat expelled the Soviet ambassador to Cairo in 1981, accusing him of fomenting internal trouble.

2 more Israelis  
sought in  
kidnapping  
of Nigerian

By HAIM CORNEY  
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

LONDON. — Two other Israelis being sought by the British police in connection with the kidnapping of former Nigerian transport minister Umaru Dikko are believed by the police to be back in Israel.

This was stated yesterday by a senior officer from Scotland Yard's anti-terrorist squad. He was speaking outside Lambeth Magistrates Court after the fourth appearance there by three Israelis and a Nigerian. All four were committed for trial at the Central Criminal Court.

The police officer added that Scotland Yard was also looking for two other Nigerians.

In the court itself, more than two hours were spent in detailed legal arguments by the lawyer acting for the accused Nigerian, Mohamed Yusufu. The lawyer argued that as

Reagan expected  
to speak out on  
anti-Semitism

DALLAS (JTA). — President Ronald Reagan was expected to denounce anti-Semitism and all other forms of bigotry in his speech accepting the Republican Party nomination for a second term here last night.

Reagan and Vice-President George Bush were renominated Wednesday night, receiving all but two of the votes of the convention's delegates. In nominating Reagan and Bush, Senator Paul Laxalt of Nevada pointed out that the Democratic Party had not included a statement denouncing anti-Semitism, while the Republicans had.

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'Hardliners pressure Shamir'  
Labour, Likud  
clash on eve of  
leaders' summit

By DAVID LANDAU  
and ASHER WALLFISH  
Jerusalem Post Reporters

A stormy and acrimonious meeting between Likud and Labour negotiators last night seemed to dim the prospects of a unity government, while stubborn fence-sitting by Tamir and the religious parties stymied Labour's hopes of forming a narrow-based government.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir may be prepared, according to some informed observers, to join a unity government under Labour's leadership — but powerful forces within the Likud are apparently opposed to this course.

Shamir and Labour premier-designate Shimon Peres are to meet alone in Jerusalem this morning.

Last night, Labour sources — markedly less buoyant than the night before, when Ezer Weizman joined

their ranks — said the Likud might well declare the unity talks at an end, amid a welter of recriminations. "Unless there is a breakthrough between the two leaders today."

Last night's session in Tel Aviv began with harsh words from Deputy Premier David Levy, and a spirited response from Labour's Yitzhak Navon. Levy accused the Alignment of bad faith and insincerity. Navon flayed Levy for using such phrases as "thieves in the night" to describe the new Labour-Yahad pact.

"This was the first time that the atmosphere was bad," a Labour participant said later. "It was almost as though the Likud side had come with the deliberate purpose of wrecking the unity talks."

The Labour participant said Likud had "given no ground at all." When Energy Minister Yitzhak Moda'i had proposed the wording "just and

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Abuhatzzeira  
widely wooed

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Tami Leader Aharon Abuhatzzeira was energetically courted by Alignment, Yahad and Ometz representatives yesterday in marathon meetings during which they sought to persuade him to join them in an Alignment-led coalition. Likud representatives also reportedly made him some tempting offers to join them.

But by press time, Abuhatzzeira had refused to say whether he would join either the Alignment or the Likud, if a unity government fails to materialize.

Tamir will make its choice when such a choice arises. "We said in the midst of the elections that a national unity government was imperative to solve Israel's burning problems and we still think so," Abuhatzzeira said.

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Shamir-Peres  
parley may be  
crucial effort

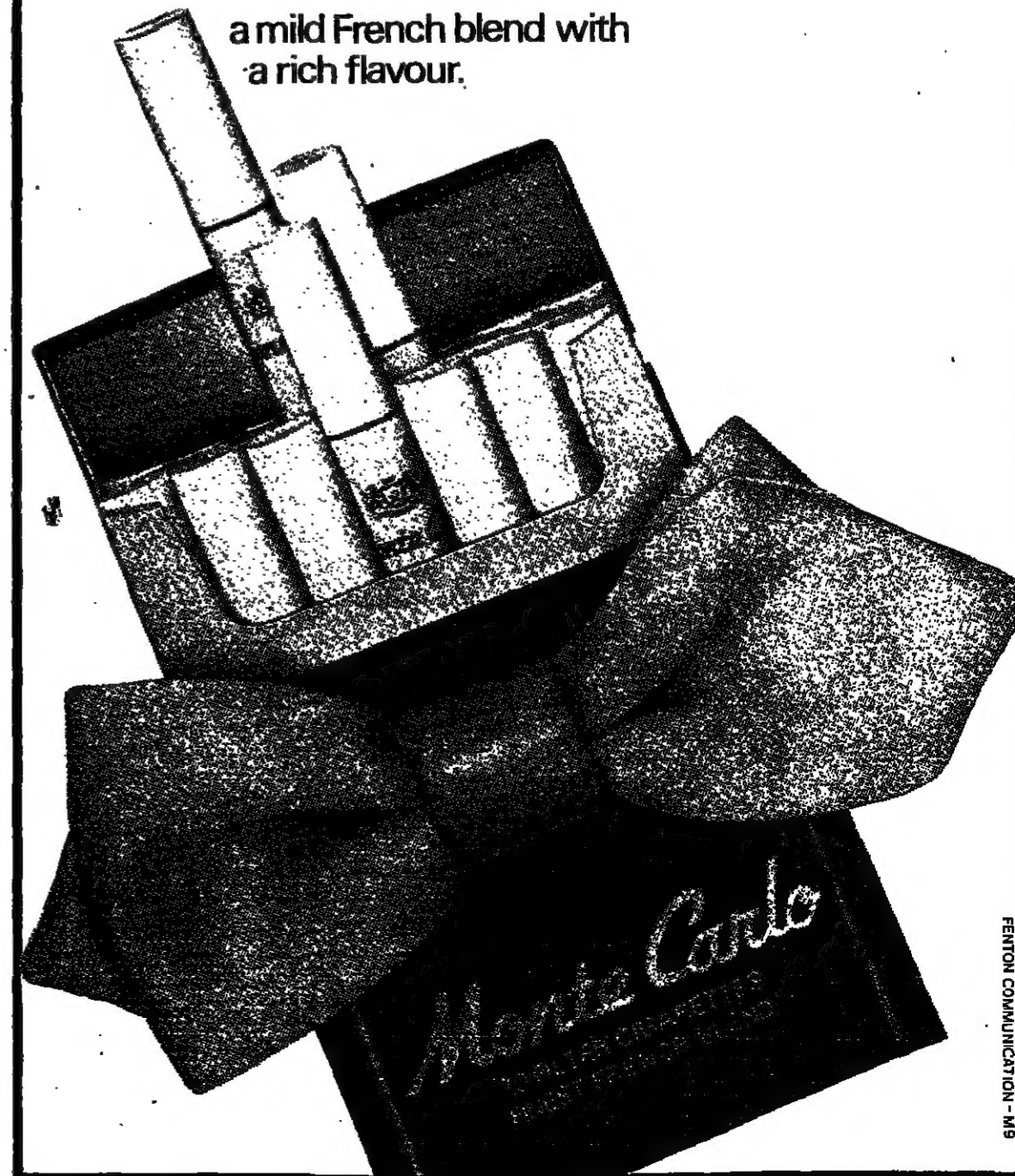
By ROY ISACOWITZ  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir and prime minister-designate Shimon Peres are to meet at Jerusalem's King David Hotel this morning for what could be the most critical session of the national unity negotiations.

If the two men agree on all or most of the outstanding differences between their two parties, Peres will be able to present President Chaim Herzog with the broad outlines of a national unity government on Sunday. If they fail to agree, Peres will ask the president to grant him a further 21-day coalition-building period, on the basis of the 54 Knesset members committed to his leadership of the next government, plus

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## Labour delegation at Bucharest celebration

Jerusalem Post Reporter  
Alignment Knesset Member Mordechai Gur headed a Labour Party delegation invited to participate in celebrations marking Rumania's 40th independence day in Bucharest yesterday.

Nine heads of state, including China's president, attended the ceremonies marking the overthrow of Rumania's pro-Nazi dictator, Ion Antonescu in 1944. German Democratic Republic President Erich Honecker was the only other East Bloc head of state at the ceremonies. The Syrian foreign minister is also believed to have been in attendance.

Rumanian Ambassador in Israel Constantin Vasiliu yesterday gave a reception at the Ramada Continental Hotel in Tel Aviv marking the national day. Among the guests were Defence Minister Moshe Arens, Labour Party chairman Shimon Peres, and American Ambassador Samuel Lewis.

## State asks court to reject Flatto appeal

The state attorney yesterday told the Supreme Court that it should turn down Shmuel Flatto-Sharon's appeal for another discussion of his case, now that the court has turned down his appeal to annul his conviction by a lower court.

Flatto-Sharon, who was a member of the Ninth Knesset, was convicted of election bribery. He is asking the Supreme Court to appoint a five-member panel to reconsider his case.

In an earlier decision, the court refused to overturn a lower-court conviction but reduced Flatto-Sharon's jail sentence from nine months to three.

His advocate Shlomo Toussia-Cohen, in presenting a request for the additional hearing, argued that his client did not know that offering free apartments to young couples before the 1977 Knesset elections constituted bribery. (Itim).

## Holon man finds bomb

HOLON (Itim). - A bomb hidden in a plastic bag was found here yesterday morning.

The bomb discovered at 6 a.m. by a meatshop owner on his way to work, was safely dismantled by police sappers.

The police detained 20 suspects or questioning.

## Eliora (Steinmatzky) and Charles Schwartz

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## THIS WEEK IN ISRAEL

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# HOME AND WORLD NEWS

## No schools, water if authorities strike

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN and DAVID RUDGE  
Jerusalem Post Reporters

TEL AVIV. - All the local authorities in Israel will launch a general strike early next month if the Interior and Finance Ministries do not transfer funds to them by Monday, the Union of Local Authorities (ULA) announced yesterday.

If the strike is launched, schools will not open, municipal services will cease and the local authorities will cut off payments to the income-tax authorities, Mekorot and the Electric Corporation. The latter bodies have already threatened action against defaulting local authorities, and have begun cutting off services to them.

The local authorities have run out of money as the Finance and Interior Ministries have been withholding funds owed to them. All told, the

government owes the local authorities between six and seven billion shekels, and authorities have been borrowing money at exorbitant interest rates for several years now in order to pay their employees and continue public services.

Interior Ministry Director-General Haim Kubersky and the Finance Ministry's budgets commissioner attended the ULA meeting yesterday and asked the union to give the ministries until the beginning of September to find a solution.

The ULA decided to meet next Tuesday to discuss the ministries' proposals to be offered on Sunday or Monday, ULA Chairman Pinhas Eylon told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday. At that time the union will decide if and when to strike.

Tel Aviv's financial deficit is \$100 million and Haifa's mayor announced yesterday he did not

have the money to pay municipal workers.

Kiryat Ata was partially blacked out last night when striking municipal employees - protesting against the non-payment of their July salaries - refused to carry out repairs.

The workers said they have also told the private contractor operating the town's garbage-collection service to cease work. They have also been sporadically disconnecting water supplies to homes in various parts of the town for the last few days.

Esther Seltzer, a member of the works committee, said the actions were aimed at mobilizing public support for the plight of the employees - many of whom are now having to borrow money from friends to buy food for their families.

"We apologize to the people of the town for what we are compelled to do and we hope they will under-

stand," she said.

Seltzer was one of the nine employees detained for questioning by the police on Wednesday, when the striking employees blocked the main road outside Town Hall.

The Interior Ministry has made it clear that it will not bail out the town, which has run up debts totalling more than 156,000, through what the ministry called mismanagement.

Seltzer, however, said the employees had complete confidence in Kiryat Ata's Mayor Ya'acov Ben Daniel, despite a petition by some residents to sack him and have the ministry appoint a committee to run the town's affairs.

She said the petition was inspired by Ben Daniel's political opponents. A counter petition expressing confidence in him has been started by other residents.

## Mapam voices opposition to Alignment-Likud guidelines

By ROY ISACOWITZ  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. - Mapam yesterday expressed opposition to the economic and social guidelines drawn up on Wednesday by Alignment and Likud negotiating teams.

At a press conference here, Mapam ministerial candidate Dov Peleg and Knesset Member Yair Tsaban described the guidelines paper as "a confusing document" that follows the line of Likud policy. Israel's economic crisis is the result of Likud policy, not an accident, Peleg said.

The only viable economic policy is one of growth without unemployment, Peleg said. He called for a cut in public demand and equal distribu-

tion of the economic burden. Peleg added that the Alignment-Likud guidelines did not include "important elements" that Mapam had insisted be included in the Alignment platform. The agreement makes no mention of closing the social gap. Furthermore, the clauses regarding inflation, structural changes, employment and cutting public demand are too general and do not take the lowest economic strata into account, he said.

Tsaban said that the Treasury's refusal to revise tax brackets, at the same time as the Likud was negotiating with the Alignment for the establishment of a national unity government, "shows clearly the direction of the Likud."

## MKs insist on prisons visit Sunday

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. - Knesset Member Mordechai Virshubski (Shinui) yesterday informed Interior Minister Yosef Burg and the Prisons Commission that he and MKs Shulamit Aloni (Citizens Rights Movement), Haim Ramon (Alignment-Labour) and Yair Tsaban (Alignment-Mapam) will insist on their right to visit Tel Mond and Ramle prisons next Sunday.

Virshubski's move followed Burg's order to the prisons commissioner to postpone the visit for a week, because Sunday was "not convenient" for Morasha MK Haim Druckman. The visits were organized by Virshubski to ascertain whether the Jewish terrorists detainees were enjoying better conditions than other prisoners held on similar charges.

The MK informed Burg that he had exceeded his authority in ordering the postponement. Knesset members have a right to visit any public institution with prior notice, he said, adding that the group will be at the prisons on Sunday.

Other MKs, such as Druckman, must adjust themselves to the set date Virshubski said. He noted that Druckman had already visited the Jewish terrorist suspects in prison.

Calling on Burg to cancel his order before Sunday, Virshubski said that the incident "proves the conflict of interest involved in a minister's serving as Interim Speaker of the Knesset."

In a separate appeal to Interim Knesset Speaker Abba Eban, Virshubski asked Eban to officially request that Burg cancel his order.

## 2 dead, 3 hurt in road mishaps in North

By DAVID RUDGE  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Two persons were killed and three were injured in road accidents in the North yesterday.

In Haifa, a local man died in a road accident on Wednesday night from injuries sustained in a road accident downtown. He is Shlomo Kimche, 45. He was driving his car along Rehov Labanin when it was involved in a collision with a van at the junction with Rehov Hagib-

borim. A woman passenger in the van was seriously injured and has been hospitalized. Her name and address were not released last night.

The police said the van driver was detained for questioning but later released.

Near Kfar Yasif, in Galilee, Kial Rabiah, 41, was killed yesterday when the tender he was driving struck a bridge. Two passengers with him were hurt and hospitalized.

## Second suspect ordered held in double murder

TEL AVIV (Itim). - A second sus-

pense asked the court to remand Mizrahi for 15 days, arguing the police have *prima facie* evidence linking Mizrahi to the double murder and to a Tel Aviv burglary in which 156 million worth of foreign currency was stolen.

Mizrahi's attorney denied the allegations against his client and asked for his release.

The blast left a two-metre-deep crater in the ground, mowing down pedestrians in the immediate vicinity.

Scores more were injured by shards of broken glass, tumbling to the ground from windows in the buildings around the square.

Thousands of people packed the square at the time of the blast, coming and going from the railway station at the height of the morning rush hour.

The blast virtually ripped the

## Rubin: Just using car, office until I finish up my business

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. - Benzion Rubin, former labour and social affairs deputy minister, yesterday justified his continued use of services provided to deputy ministers, saying he was only coming to his office to wrap up his business affairs.

The *Jerusalem Post* reported yesterday that Rubin, who was second on the Tami list in last month's Knesset election, is continuing to use all the facilities of his former post, such as a secretary, office, and personal driver, at the

taxpayers' expense. Rubin is now an ordinary citizen, since only Knesset members may be deputy ministers. Tami won only one seat in the election, and that went to Aharon Abuhatzeira.

Rubin denied he was still functioning as a deputy minister, and said he was only coming to his office to wrap up business matters.

Sounding embarrassed and bitter, he said every public servant had the right to use the services attached to his office until he had wound up his business.

## Arens foresees worsening in arms balance with Arabs

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT  
Post Defence Reporter

TEL AVIV. - Defence Minister Moshe Arens said yesterday he expected the balance of power between Israel and the Arab countries to worsen in the near future, but foresaw an improvement later.

Addressing the graduates of the Israel Defence Forces Command and Staff College, he said the staggering rises in oil prices have enriched the Arab countries, enabling them to acquire vast quantities of arms. They also finance arms purchases by other countries, with Saudi Arabia, for example, itself a buyer of western weapons, funding Syrian arms purchases in the Soviet Union.

But the high cost of oil led to structural changes in the world's energy market, which subsequently led to a moderate drop in oil prices, Arens said. He believed that would affect the Arab arms-purchasing plans in the distant future.

Most of his address was devoted to the human element in future push-button wars. He maintained that the increased use of sophisticated equipment increased the individual soldier's importance.

The most important element is the ability to surprise the enemy with a new weapon or a new way of using a known weapon, he said. That goes back to the days of David's fight against Goliath, when he used a smooth stone and a sling, Arens said.

Earlier the college celebrated its 30th anniversary and honoured its former commanders, including Aluf (res.) Aharon Yariv, who established it. Other commanders included Communications Minister Mordechai Zipori and Knesset Member Mordechai Gur.

facade of a two-storey building. Itna said 11 passing vehicles were smashed and a total of 20 shops were heavily damaged, in addition to the hundreds of windows broken by the blast.

The dead included two children and eight women. It was the first bombing in Teheran in over a year. No group has claimed responsibility for the blast.

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## Bomb rips through Teheran square

TEHERAN (AP). - Terrorists ex-

posed a bomb in a crowded street just off a main square here early yesterday, killing at least 18 and wounding more than 300 passers-by, according to an official casualty count.

The Iranian news agency Itna said the powerful bomb had been planted in a mobile fruit-juice stand mounted on a cart just off the spacious square in front of the main railway station.

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## Arab foreign ministers to meet in Baghdad

BAGHDAD (Reuters). - Seven

Arab foreign ministers will meet in Baghdad next Sunday to discuss latest developments in the Iran-Iraq War, the official Iraqi news agency INA reported yesterday.

The ministers - from Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Jordan, Morocco, North Yemen and Tunisia - will discuss the war and a new plan "to activate world efforts in the face of Iranian intransigence," INA said.



Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek (right) and Southern District Police Commander Avraham Turgeman yesterday brush up on their belly dancing techniques at a party for police sappers in Jerusalem. (Rahamim Israeli)

## Terror defendants' families demand halt to proceedings

Jerusalem Post Staff

The families of seven suspects in the Jewish terrorist underground yesterday sent a letter to Justice Minister Moshe Nissim "urgently demanding" that criminal proceedings against the suspects be halted and that the matter be turned over to a state commission of inquiry.

The seven - Ben-Zion and Ya'acov Heineman, Barak and Shaul Nir, Yitzhak Novick, Hagai Segal and Uzi Sharabat - dismissed their attorneys on Tuesday and said they would defend themselves. Sharabat is the son-in-law of Rabbi Moshe Levinger of Hebron.

In a letter to Nissim, the families argue that a fair trial is impossible because of "a huge campaign against the defendants by the leftist press," what they contend is political bias on the part of Attorney-General Yitzhak Zamir, and Israeli rules of

jurisprudence, which they say make it impossible to raise arguments connected to the background of the case.

"There is no doubt that the defendants acted against a background of ceaseless Arab terror and incitement... which reached their peak in demonstrative acts intended to murder Jews and humiliate the nation," wrote the families. They added that rules of jurisprudence do not allow the courts to examine the security policies, which they say are a crucial factor in the case.

The families also charge that Zamir has "cynically ignored" publicity against the defendants, while preventing any publicity in their favour.

While the letter is written in the name of all seven defendants' families, the Segal's family name does not appear among the signatures.

## Car owner shoots man he caught stealing petrol

NAZARETH (Itim). - A resident of

Upper Nazareth was shot early yesterday morning by a resident of the town from whose car he was trying to steal petrol. The owner of the car saw Mordechai Ben-Lulu in the act of stealing petrol and tried to arrest him. After an argument, the

two began to fight, and the car owner drew a pistol, fired three shots at Ben-Lulu and wounded him.

The wounded man stepped a car and was taken to the Emek Central Hospital in Afula, where he is operated on. The police arrested the car's owner.

## Dan Omer, Jerusalem writer, dies at 44

Writer Dan Omer died in Hadassah Hospital in Ein Kerem, Jerusalem, yesterday at age 44. He had suffered a heart attack three weeks ago and had been hospitalized since then, unconscious.

Omer wrote many books and newspaper and magazine articles on

the history of the country and about the Canaanite movement, young people, and Jerusalem of British Mandate times and the early years of the state.

He is survived by his wife and three children, the youngest of whom is six weeks old. (Itim)

## Zvi Shner, kibbutz founder, dies

KIBBUTZ LOHAMEI HAGE-

TA'OT (Itim). - Zvi Shner, one of the founding members of this Western Galilee kibbutz and head of its Holocaust and Heroism museum, died here yesterday aged 72. Shner was born in Lodz, Poland in

1912 and came to this country in 1948. He was known as a scholar of the Holocaust, editing several books on the subject.

He is survived by his wife, three sons and grandchildren.

Eleven months after the passing of my dear husband,  
our father, grandfather, brother

**Reb NATHAN GOTLIB**

Antwerp - Belgium  
son of Zeev

we will unveil the tombstone and hold a memorial service on Monday, August 27, 1984, at 4 p.m. in the Nahlat Yitzhak cemetery.  
We shall meet at the gate.

The Family

In deep sorrow, we announce the death of

**ITZHAK LIEBERMAN**  
son of Abraham and Gnessia

The funeral will take place at 11.30 a.m. today,  
Friday, August 24, 1984, in Herzliya Cemetery.

The Bereaved Family

The unveiling of the tombstone of our beloved daughter, sister, granddaughter and great-granddaughter

**SHELLY ZINN**

will take place on August 30 at 5 p.m., 1984, at the Sayoon Cemetery.  
We wish to thank all our friends who have comforted us and expressed condolences.

The Family

## Recalcitrant ship officer shown he must behave

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. - The boatswain of the new Israeli container ship Nathaniel was grounded by the Transport Ministry this week for alleged misbehaviour and indiscipline during the ship's sailing from Hamburg to Haifa.

He allegedly caused the ship to be detained for six hours in Hamburg by ordering his men not to take on supplies and untie the mooring ropes. The ship sailed only after the Hamburg Port Authority intervened. During the trip he allegedly threatened the captain, with whom he had quarrelled, that he would not reach Haifa alive.

The captain, for whom the trip

took the threat seriously, and held up the ship in a bay at Gibraltar where he radioed the two seamen's unions for advice. On their urging the boatswain gave a written undertaking to behave properly.

But on arrival in Limassol, the ratings refused to lash the containers and the officers had to do the job for them.

The boatswain will face a disciplinary court of the Transport Ministry for his alleged misbehaviour.

The Nathaniel was bought last spring by the Israeli Iscont Company, which is a partnership of the Allalouf shipping company, Ezer Weizman and a business associate of

## Hammer: Rosh Hashana is no time for tennis

By PAUL KOHN  
Post Sports Reporter

Minister of Education and Culture Zevulun Hammer, who is also responsible for sport, sent a message yesterday to the Chairman of the Israel Tennis Association objecting to Israel's playing the Davis Cup Zone "A" final in Donetsk on September 28, the second day of Rosh Hashana, and urging him to obtain a postponement of the match.

David Harnik, the Chairman of the I.T.A., accordingly sent a request to the International Tennis Federation asking for the fixture to be postponed for one day. No reply had



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## Drug importers charge: Credit rules to blame for high cost of drugs

By DVORA BEN SHAUL  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The price patients pay for imported medicines could be cut by at least one third and possibly as much as one half if the Health Ministry were to change regulations concerning the credit importers are obliged to give retail pharmacies. This is the view of several of the country's largest importers of pharmaceuticals.

Representatives of the drug companies, including such prestigious importers as Ciba Geigy and Neopharm, told *The Jerusalem Post* this week that the ministry requires them to grant an average of 40 days' credit to retail pharmacies, with a top limit of 50 days, without interest linkage.

Several importers pointed out that this arrangement is different from that for any other price-controlled commodity. A check of credit arrangements set by the various ministries revealed that other price-controlled commodities are paid for either in cash or with a maximum of one week's credit. Cigarette retailers, for example, are allowed only two days credit; stores selling Nescafe and Osem noodles must pay in cash, while petrol products are allowed four days credit.

Importers also said ambiguous wording in tariff regulations on drug imports forces them to pay a 15 per cent import tax and an additional 15 per cent unlinked one year deposit. This, they said, is because the regulations say the tariff applies to products "similar" to those produced in Israel, rather than to identical or equivalent drugs.

The Pharmacists Union, however, says the credit given to pharmacists is "the absolute minimum possible." The regulations allow for "current monthly account, plus 15 days." When three to five days are included for payment to reach the importer, the credit period comes to 30 days. The average, as the importers state, is 40 days.

Pharmacists say that they need this credit because of the wide range of drugs they have to stock. One leading Jerusalem pharmacist pointed out that he is expected to be able to fill any prescription presented and therefore must keep in stock large number of drugs for which the market may be small.

There is also no guarantee, he said, that the drug will not suddenly

come to the attention of doctors in which case there will immediately be a number of requests for it within a few days.

The pharmacists also argue that a large majority of the prescriptions they fill are for members of private health funds, and the funds pay after a long delay.

The cost of drugs has been in the centre of the attention of the health services for several weeks, particularly since the Health Ministry clamped down on prescriptions for imported antibiotics in government hospitals.

Doctors at government hospitals have said that this cost-cutting measure forces them to prescribe older types of antibiotics. But the older drugs, they say, are often less effective because organisms have developed resistance to them.

Payment to pharmacists by the private health funds came to the fore last week when Jerusalem pharmacists refused to fill prescriptions for members of Kupat Holim Meuhedet, contending that the fund had not paid them for July prescriptions. The service was resumed only after negotiations between the pharmacists and the fund.

Drug importers here maintain that their costs are driven up by the required relabelling of drugs in Hebrew. They said that the Health Ministry often changes labelling regulations, demanding that the change be made "within 30 days." This, they maintain, means that all previously labelled drugs in stock must be relabelled locally rather than at the factory. They say that many of the changes are cosmetic rather than professional.

Neither the head of the Health Ministry's drug-economy section, Meir Handelman, or his assistant, Yael Zilberberg, could be reached for comment this week since both were on annual leave. However, other ministry sources said that a serious attempt was made by the ministry this year to abolish the protective tariff and deposit on imported drugs but that the Commerce, Industry and Trade Ministry was adamantly refused to consider it.

In the meantime, Israeli consumers pay two or three times more for drugs than consumers in most other countries and little hope for a change is seen in the near future.

## Herzog gets preview of 60-nation choir

By JUDY SIEGEL  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The children's choir that sang at the opening and closing ceremonies of the Los Angeles Olympics brought their international message of brotherhood to Beit Hanassi yesterday as they sang for President Haim Herzog.

The International Children's Choir of America, founded in 1957, is composed of 60 American children, each representing in dress and ancestry a different country. Twenty-seven choir members, aged 5 to 17, are in Israel on their first overseas trip to give benefit concerts for the Alyn Hospital for the Handicapped in Jerusalem and Han-Israel Foundation for Handicapped Children.

The youngsters have already performed at the residence of American Ambassador Samuel Lewis. They are scheduled to appear at Jeru-

salem's Gerard Behar Centre tomorrow night, and in Kfar Blum.

Among the countries represented at Beit Hanassi were Uganda, Nigeria, Costa Rica, Venezuela, Poland, Austria, Canada, Switzerland and Israel. Kim Wallis, wearing a blue-and-white dress and Magen David necklace to symbolize Israel, has been here twice before and has cousins living in Jerusalem.

President Herzog said that the choir was "almost utopian."

The youngsters sang the choir's theme song, *It's a Small, Small World*, with several performing solos in the language of the country each represents. They then joined in a Hebrew version of *Let There Be Peace On Earth and Let It Begin With Me*.

The children were accompanied by choir director Ann Livingston, whose mother founded the choir, and by a number of parents.



Rabbi Glaser with the six American Indians, near the kibbutz chicken run.

## U.S. Indians 'inspired' by farming here

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The six American Indians who have been studying Israeli drip-irrigation methods in two Israeli kibbutzim say they have learned a lot that they can put to use at their Pine Ridge, South Dakota Reservation, whose 800,000 acres are arable but so far mostly uncultivated. Three of them say they hope to return to Israel next year for more intensive training.

The Indians, five of them agricultural students at Oglala Lakota College, and the other an instructor there, came here through a project funded by the Central Conference of American Rabbis (Reform), ABC Television and Stanford Adelstein, a Jewish businessman and civic leader in South Dakota, whose son, Jim,

accompanied the group. They stayed at Hatzertim, in the Negev and Yiftah in Galilee.

The visitors said they found Israeli agricultural technology "inspiring." One of them, Louis Jan, was particularly struck by the chicken house he worked in, which he said could be adapted to the reservation and could have commercial possibilities beyond supplying the local residents. Gerald McLaughlin and Wade Vitalis said they are interested in enrolling in the Histadrut agricultural school for foreign students next year.

But the visit's success went beyond agriculture. Instructor Yel-low Boy, who hopes to return with his family for graduate study, repeatedly talked of feeling "at home and

totally accepted at Yiftah. I can go 40 miles from the reservation and feel lonely," he said. "Here - in fact, anywhere in Israel - I feel at home."

Wherever the Lakota went, people have identified them and struck up conversation. One man quipped: "We think you are one of our lost tribes." Irving Poud shot back: "We think you are one of our lost tribes."

In fact, there has been a good deal of speculation, based on Jewish symbols and some Hebrew texts reportedly discovered in archeological digs in North America, as to ancient historical links. But the important link, according to Rabbi Joseph B. Glaser, CCAR executive vice-president, is the link between two nations who have suffered greatly and must struggle to achieve self-sufficiency.

## Brainwork is chemical, scientists say

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. - "We are pretty sure that there is a chemical basis for diseases now described as mental or psychological. Our mental activities are based on physical-chemical events in the brain, though I would not want to say which triggers which," Professor Sir Bernard Katz told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday.

The distinguished neurophysiologist, who shared the 1970 Nobel Prize in medicine and physiology, is here as the Technion's guest.

He was born in Leipzig in 1911, was helped by the late Chaim Weizmann to escape the Nazis to England in 1935. He says he has been a Zionist since his student days and has been here on four previous lecture visits.

Sir Bernard said research of the nerve cells was now at the level the physicists had reached 50 years ago with their discovery of the elementary particles of the atom. He was sure that though he personally had "not been successful in applying my research to clinical uses," it would eventually present a more

rational assessment of new drugs and their interference with or support of brain action.

Now that he had penetrated the nucleus of the human nerve cell, could he conceive a different sort of man evolving?

"In theory we might construct a synthetic animal to function on a different basis. But it would be pretty tough even for a super computer to perform the many operations of the brain, which is so small and is composed of 80 percent water with a few ions and proteins," he said.

## Terrorist appeals verdict and sentence

Gilad Peli, who was convicted of belonging to a terrorist organization and related charges, has appealed to the Supreme Court against his conviction and sentence.

Peli was convicted in June and sentenced to 10 years in jail. In addition to membership in a terrorist organization, he was convicted on three counts of conspiracy to commit a crime, the illegal transport and possession of weapons and damage to Israel Defence Forces property. His confession was part of a plea-bargaining deal with the prosecution.

## Second hearing for common-law wife's plea

Sharp differences between three High Court justices hearing a case led Court President Justice Meir Shamgar to schedule a second hearing before a five-member bench.

The matter involves the appeal of a deceased judge's common-law wife for the right to benefit from his pension. The appellant, Dr. Emilia Levy, asked the court to rule that the Knesset Finance Committee must redefine the words "surviving relative" to include common-law wives in the case of government office holders' pensions.

Peli is appealing against the conviction, the sentence, and the ruling that the sentences on the various counts will run consecutively.

When Peli was convicted, the judge pointed out that he could have been sentenced to 53 years in jail if he had been given the "maximum term on every charge."

Next Sunday the trial of Avinoam Katrieli, who is charged with plotting to blow up the Dome of the Rock will begin in Jerusalem District Court. Katrieli has also made a plea bargain. (lim)

## Two missiles among arms in J'lem cache

Jerusalem Post Reporter

A Jerusalem youngster this week uncovered what seems to have been an underworld arms cache containing two LAW missiles as well as a stash of handgrenades and other military explosives.

Police snappers yesterday removed the Israel Defence Forces equipment from ancient burial caves in the Shmuel Hanavi quarter near the pre-1967 Mandelbaum Gate border port. According to police sources, the equipment was still in its original IDF packaging, but the serial numbers and the dust on the material indicate that it had been there for at least several months.

The discovery of the anti-armour missiles in the cache was "something unusual," a police source said in Jerusalem. But he noted that in Galilee Druse villages, LAW missiles taken home by soldiers have been discovered.

"It looks like this was an underworld stash, probably a warehouse from which things were sold as in a store," said one police officer.

## Reservist jailed for refusing Lebanon duty

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. - A 40-year-old reservist, Max Bloch, was sentenced yesterday to 14 days in military jail for refusing to serve in Lebanon, a spokesman for Yesh Gvul (There's a Limit) said.

He is the 132nd reservist to refuse because of conscientious objections to go to Lebanon, according to the anti-Lebanon war group.

**ANIMALS.** - A course teaching kindness to animals is being taught in the fifth grade in the Kfar Yona Amal government school by a teacher, Tamar Malia, who developed the curriculum.

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## Court orders work stopped at disputed Samaria site

Jerusalem Post Staff

The High Court of Justice, in an order nisi, yesterday called on the settlement of Emanuel in Samaria and the Kochav Hashomron construction company to show cause why they should not stop building on and fanning off a disputed 40 dunam plot of land.

The court also issued an interim injunction forbidding any such construction or fencing-off.

Supreme Court President Justice Meir Shamgar, said that it is the responsibility of the Judea and Samaria military governor - "the legislator and the executor in the areas" - to make sure that the High Court's orders are obeyed.

The court was considering a petition by Seif a-Rahman Mustafa Bahlul, who claims that he is the owner of the land near Tulkarm. He previously petitioned the court in 1982 and 1983 on the same matter.

but after the court received assurances from the State Attorney that no building would be undertaken on the disputed plot, Bahlul's attorney agreed to drop the petition.

Yesterday Renato Jarach, representing the State Attorney, admitted that work had continued despite the assurances to the court, and explained that the police were powerless to stop it.

Shamgar heatedly said that this was intolerable. He said that he expected the military governor to see to it that the present order nisi and injunction were honoured.

They are to be in effect until the court takes up the suit again in its next session.

Bahlul's attorney, Jawad Boulos, told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday that a Jordanian court in the area in the 1970s found that Bahlul was indeed the legal owner of the disputed land.

## Sri Lanka denies statements its official made in Jerusalem

Special to the Post

COLOMBO. - The Sri Lankan government yesterday disowned statements made in Jerusalem on Tuesday by one of its senior officials and also said that it was unaware that the official was visiting Israel.

Douglas Liyanage, secretary of the Sri Lankan State Ministry, explained in an interview with *The Jerusalem Post* on Wednesday that Lanka has sought Israeli assistance to upgrade its intelligence services to combat Tamil separatist guerrillas. He said Sri Lanka is also seeking Israeli agricultural experts to help cultivate the islands arid zone.

The government announced yesterday that "The statements made in Israel by Douglas Liyanage, secretary of the Ministry of State, represent his personal views. Mr. Liyanage is not on an official mission, but on a private holiday. His leave of absence for his visits covers Great Britain and Nairobi. The government of Sri Lanka was not aware of his visit to Israel."

Despite the government's dis-

avowal of Liyanage's statements, it is known in Jerusalem that Sri Lanka does seek more Israeli activity in the areas of agriculture and rural development, especially in the Mahaweli River area.

Liyanage is a controversial public figure in Sri Lanka. In 1961 he was accused of leading an abortive military coup to overthrow the pro-socialist Freedom Party government headed by Sirima Bandaranaike.

Liyanage and about 20 others were found guilty by the Lankan Supreme Court, but when the coup suspects lodged an appeal before the Privy Council in England the case was dismissed on a point of law. Sri Lankan courts and lawyers continue to make reference to the Privy Council appeal in the course of legal proceedings.

Liyanage's appointment in July 1979 as secretary of the Ministry of State and censor of local publications under the government of President Junius Jayawardene has come in for heavy criticism by opponents of the administration.

## Sharir vows to fight for charter flights

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. - The Transport Ministry's war against the charter flight companies is pointless, damaging to tourism and detrimental to the regular airlines, which that ministry is trying to protect. Tourism Minister Avraham Sharir told a press conference here on Wednesday.

Sharir said the Transport Ministry's restrictive regulations for charter flights "were born in sin," and published without coordination with the Tourism Ministry and without its knowledge, causing tourism grave, cumulative damage.

He vowed to raise the matter before the next government and to continue fighting for the operation of charters. He said that more than half of the tourists from England during the past year came on charter flights, as did almost half the tourists from Germany and 27 per cent of

the tourists from France.

Reports of charter restrictions and the cancellations of a number of charter flights affected tour operators and travel agents throughout the world and caused cancellations in hotel bookings here, Sharir said.

Sharir blasted the government for lacking an overall aviation policy, which he said must be formed as part of an overall tourism policy. "You can't have one government ministry in charge of encouraging tourism and another in charge of protecting El Al," he said.

**MEMORIAL.** - The Acre municipality has budgeted an initial sum of \$50,000 for a memorial honouring Israel's war dead. The memorial, to be placed in City Hall Square, has been designed by architect Baruch Solomon.

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## 30% of coloureds vote in South Africa election

CAPE TOWN (AP). — The white-controlled South African government said yesterday that a 30 per cent voter turnout legitimized elections for a segregated, "coloured" chamber of Parliament, but boycotters said it soundly discredited the vote.

On the morning after the elections, the police used tear smoke and rubber truncheons against some 1,500 black youths who stoned and overturned a government car and attacked a beer hall in a black township in Natal province.

It was not immediately clear if the clashes outside the city of Pietermaritzburg were connected with the elections. The crowd also attacked and damaged the home of the township's mayor, according to witnesses.

There was no word of casualties or arrests. The government's white minister in charge of black affairs was due to visit the township at about the time the trouble broke out.

In the elections, with 76 of 80 districts reporting, it appeared about 30 per cent of registered voters went to the polls, according to an unofficial tabulation. The Labour party had all but four seats.

Chris Heunis, minister of constitu-

tional development and planning, called the figure "acceptable."

But the United Democratic Front, a multi-racial organization that urged mixed-blood voters to boycott the polls, said in a statement: "No amount of election trickery and percentage juggling can hide the fact that this constitution does not have the support of the people." UDF leader Andrew Boraine also said that only 56 per cent of all coloureds registered to vote in the first place.

The ruling National Party of Prime Minister P.W. Botha has a mandate from the nation's five million whites for a new constitution allowing the 2.7 million coloureds and 850,000 Asians to sit in their own chambers of Parliament.

Botha says the extra chambers will rule alongside the far larger, all-white body, and the Nationalists bill this as a major step toward racial reform in Africa's last white-ruled country.

Boycotters said coloured candidates were helping entrench apartheid.

The 30 per cent turnout did not hold up in the heartland of the coloured community, Cape Province, where the rate in many districts was under 10 per cent.

## Mexico reported holding ex-terror chief

SAN DIEGO, California (AP). — A man wanted in the terrorist kidnapping of a British diplomat and more than a dozen slayings throughout Mexico has been arrested in a raid on a drug ring, *The San Diego Union* reported yesterday.

The suspect, Hector Topete, 38, also known as "The White Bug," his wife and her two brothers, along with four other people, were arrested last Saturday in Ensenada, Mexico, the newspaper said.

The Federal Police identified Topete as a leader of the disbanded 23rd of September Communist League, once considered Mexico's principal terrorist group. *The Union* said.

The league, which took its name from the date of a 1965 raid by Mexican revolutionaries on an army

garrison in the northern state of Chihuahua, was blamed for a wave of terrorist attacks in the 1970s.

At the peak of its strength, Mexican officials estimated the group had about 600 members in at least six cities. In one six-month period in 1976, it claimed responsibility for the deaths of more than 100 police officers in ambushes and shootouts.

Police said that in October 1973, Topete helped plan the kidnappings in Guadalajara of honorary British Consul Anthony Williams and cooking oil industrialist Fernando Aranguren, the newspaper said. The terrorists demanded \$200,000 and the release of 51 political prisoners, but freed Williams and killed Aranguren after the government refused to bargain.

## Madrid ready to talk to Basque separatists

MADRID (Reuters). — The Spanish government is ready to hold direct talks with the Basque separatist group ETA, offering to ease guerrillas back into normal life if they lay down their arms, an official spokesman was quoted yesterday as saying.

The daily *El País* quoted an in-

terior ministry spokesman as saying minister Jose Barrionuevo was ready to meet ETA (Basque Homeland and Freedom) leader Domingo "Txomin" Irujo. The paper said this was the first public offer of direct talks with ETA by a Spanish government.

## Another Baha'i said executed in Iran

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y. (Reuters). — A 52-year-old member of Iran's Baha'i religious community was executed last week and 25 more are under sentence of death, a Baha'i spokesman said here on Wednesday.

The executed man was identified as Manuchir Ruhl, who was said to have been arrested 11 months ago

and put to death last week by firing squad at Buinrud, in Khurasan province.

There are about 300,000 Baha'is in Iran.

The spokesman said that since the 1979 revolution, 128 Baha'is had been summarily executed. Another 14 had disappeared without trace, he said.

## CIA gives pope briefing every Friday, book claims

LONDON (Reuters). — A book published yesterday asserts that Pope John Paul II receives a secret weekly briefing from the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency, and that it has become his most trusted source on world affairs.

"Fridays are the days the CIA station in Rome delivers its weekly intelligence summary to the pope," write British authors Gordon Thomas and Max Morgan-Watts in *The Year of Armageddon*.

They say the pope studies the data after dinner and if anything needs amplification, he sends for the CIA station chief the next day.

In Rome, Vatican spokesman Father Pierfranco Pastore sharply denounced the book, saying: "I am authorized to affirm that it is absurd and devoid of any foundation."

The U.S. Embassy in Rome would not comment. In Washington a CIA spokeswoman said it was the first she had heard of the book and she too withheld comment.

Thomas said the Vatican had not made any effort to stop publication of *The Year of Armageddon*, meant to be a contemporary study of papal policy and the pope's preoccupation with averting a nuclear holocaust.

According to the authors the link with the Vatican goes back almost 40 years from the day one of the CIA founders, General William Donovan, was received by Pope Pius XII.

The book says Pope John Paul began his association with the CIA less than a month after being elevated from being a Polish cardinal to the papacy in 1978. He received the CIA station head in Rome in an audience so secret no minutes were made.

The cosy relationship temporarily cooled in 1981 after Turkish Gunman Mehmet Ali Agca shot and nearly killed the pope, according to the book. Some Vatican officials suspected the CIA might have had prior knowledge of the assassination plot.

## Scottish dockworkers strike in support of miners' dispute

GLASGOW (AP). — Scottish dockworkers yesterday called a strike as operators began unloading coal from a Panamanian freighter in defiance of Britain's Transport Union and striking miners.

In London, national leaders of Britain's 35,000 dockworkers said they would meet today to organize a nationwide dock strike after the freighter, the *Ostia*, sailed up the River Clyde carrying 95,000 tons of coal for Scotland's fuel-starved Ravenscraig steel plant.

Scottish union leader Jim Gilligan announced that Scotland's 4,000 longshoremen would strike from today to protest against the use of steel union workers to unload the cargo without help from dockworkers.

The dockworkers' giant Transport and General Workers' Union had ordered a boycott of the vessel in support of the 5½-month-old miners' strike. "This is not a political strike... We're looking after members of the Transport and General Workers' Union," said Gilligan.

## Sri Lanka rebels in bomb attack on bank

COLOMBO. — Explosions shattered the quiet of Sri Lanka's troubled northern city of Jaffna on Wednesday night when separatist guerrillas attacked an abandoned bank with bombs, officials said yesterday.

They said the building and two safes were damaged when a group of guerrillas hurled bombs at the People's Bank branch. No casualties were reported.

It was one of 27 state bank branches closed two weeks ago in the northern province after they became

the target for attacks by rebels. In related news, the Sri Lankan army has ordered 33 of its soldiers confined to barracks pending investigation of the August 12 rampage by its troops in the northern village of Mannar, a top official said yesterday.

National Security Minister Lalith Athulathmudali said six of the soldiers were suspected of having led the outbreak in which scores of homes and businesses of minority Tamils were burned and looted. (Reuters, AP)

## TV photos show Sakharovs alive and well

WASHINGTON (Reuters). — A U.S. television network yesterday showed what it said were recent pictures of exiled Soviet dissident Andrei Sakharov and his wife Yelena Bonner, apparently in good health.

ABC News said the photos were taken within the last month and implied they may have come from an official Soviet source. There has been concern in the West about the condition of the couple, who have not been seen in more than two months.

In one photo, Sakharov is shown in what appears to be a hospital

room, with the July issue of *Newsweek* featuring American pop star Michael Jackson on the cover.

He is also shown eating a meal, supporting Soviet statements that he recently ended a hunger strike.

## Gold bars dumped at Seoul airport

SEOUL (Reuters). — About 20 kilograms of gold bars were dumped at Seoul's Kimp'o airport in a briefcase after customs officers intensified a search for gold smugglers, the police said Tuesday.

## Soviet warships enter Suez mine-hunt area

CAIRO (AP). — The Soviet Union began flexing its naval muscle in the Red Sea area yesterday as a helicopter-carrying cruiser and a destroyer, with an American warship dogging their heels, transited the Suez Canal and sailed into the Gulf of Suez.

The latest arrivals bring to five the number of Soviet naval vessels that have passed through the canal and headed southward since Saturday. Eighteen ships from four western navies are already in the area or en route in an effort to clear the mines that have damaged at least 18 ships in the strategic waterway since July 9.

Canal authority officials said the two Soviet ships were headed for the Bab al-Mandeb Strait at the mouth

of the Red Sea, an area bordered by Marxist-ruled South Yemen with which the Soviets are linked by a treaty of friendship and which provides them with naval facilities.

The British in the northern part of the gulf and the Americans in the central portion are using sonar equipment in an effort to recover one of the mining devices.

Eleven of the explosions have occurred in the southern part of the Red Sea.

Tailing the two Soviet ships out of the canal was the U.S. frigate John L. Hall. Officials at the Defense Department in Washington acknowledged that the U.S. frigate was shadowing the Soviet helicopter carrier.

## U.S. urges pipe-bomb defences for Nato

WASHINGTON (Reuters). — The U.S. Defence Department said yesterday it has urged Nato to consider burying pipes loaded with liquid explosives along the East-West divide in Europe as an inconspicuous way of strengthening defences.

The plan calls for vertical pipes to be sunk along key invasion routes and, in time of tension, filled with liquid explosive, which could be detonated if Warsaw Pact invaders crossed into Western Europe, officials said.

U.S. officials said the devices were

recently tested in West Germany and South Korea with the cooperation of those countries and were shown to be effective against tanks.

In the tests, the explosion of 150-millimetre diameter pipes produced anti-tank craters up to 12 metres wide and four metres deep, the officials said. The pipes would be harmless until filled with explosives.

Officials said the plan was mentioned in a recent Pentagon report to Congress on ways of improving conventional Nato defences against Warsaw Pact forces.

## U.S. ready for treaty talks with Moscow

WASHINGTON (Reuters). — The U.S. has told the Soviet Union it is willing to discuss Moscow's call for a treaty pledging non-use of force if it will move on practical measures to reduce the risk of war in Europe.

This linkage between Moscow's long-held desire for such a treaty and the West's insistence on concrete actions was conveyed in talks here between James Goodby, the chief U.S. delegate to the European Security Conference, and his Soviet counterpart, Oleg Grinevsky.

The two days of talks, which ended Wednesday, were called "useful" by State Department spokesman Alan Romberg.

Goodby leaves on Sunday for Eastern Europe for further talks on the conference. They are a prelude to the September 11 resumption in Stockholm of the 35-nation Conference on Confidence and Security-Building Measures and Disarmament in Europe (CDE), which broke up in July amid critical statements between East and West.

## U.S. says exporter sent military parts to Iran

WASHINGTON (AP). — A grand jury charged that a California exporter illegally exported \$4.2 million worth of tank, cannon and missile parts to Iran in 1982 and 1983.

Attorney-General William French Smith said the 21-count indictment was returned in U.S. district court in San Diego, California, against Benjamin Kashefi, 34.

Smith said the case resulted from a Customs Service investigation to stem the export of military and high-technology parts. The Internal Revenue Service also investigated and charged Kashefi with evading U.S. income taxes on his profits.

The government said it listed Kashefi, a U.S. citizen of Iranian ancestry, who is also known as Mir-majid Kashefi, as living in California but that it does not know where to find him.

## Mongolian leader replaced after 32 years in power

MOSCOW (Reuters). — Mongolian President Yumzhagin Tsedenbal, in power for the past 32 years, was replaced yesterday at a meeting of the ruling Communist party, the Soviet news agency Tass reported from Ulan Bator.

It said the party central committee had released Tsedenbal, 67, from his post for health reasons.

He had been replaced as Communist Party chief by Prime Minister Zhambyn Batmunkh, it added.

The Soviet Union is estimated to have more than 25,000 troops stationed in Mongolia as part of its defences against China.

Yesterday's Tass report did not mention Tsedenbal speaking at the central committee plenum where he was replaced and did not make clear if he had been present.

The Mongolian leader has frequently visited the Soviet Union and according to East European sources has undergone lengthy treatment for an undisclosed illness.

But on July 27, the Russian-language *Novosti Mongolii* (Mongolian News) carried a picture of him chairing a session of the state presidium in which he did not look unwell.

Little is known about his successor, Batmunkh, who took over the premiership when Tsedenbal relinquished the post in 1973.

## Moscow record

MOSCOW (Reuters). — Sylvij Gersch of East Germany set a world record one minute 8.29 seconds in the women's 100 metres breaststroke at the "Friendship-84" Games.

## Sports

### Shlomo marches on

Post Sports Staff, Agencies  
MASON, Ohio. — Unseeded Shlomo Glickstein won his second round contest in the \$375,000 ATP tournament here by beating Vince van Patten 4-6, 6-4, 6-4. But Shahar Perkis went down to Dan Cassidy (U.S.) 6-3, 6-4.

Vijay Amritraj, the veteran Indian who ousted John McEnroe in the first round, was beaten by his young compatriot Ramesh Krishnan 6-2, 4-6, 6-2, and after going unseeded in the tournament he was eliminated. When he did not respond to first aid, he was rushed to hospital, where he was treated for dehydration, heat exhaustion and dizziness, and then released.

Others going through to the third round include Mats Wilander, Jock MacInnes, John Sadri, Stefan Edberg, Derek Tarr, Jimmy Connors and Paul McNamee.

In Jordan, N.Y., unseeded Brian Hunt of Switzerland surprised third-seeded Henrik Sundstrom of Sweden 6-4, 6-2. Jimmy Arias beat Wojtek Fibak 6-4, 6-4.

### West meets East

ZURICH (Reuters). — Evelyn Ashford of the United States shattered her own world 100 metres record, Carl Lewis dismissed the challenge of his U.S. compatriot Calvin Smith and East Germany's Marita Koch humiliated Valerie Brisco-Hooks of the United States in an action-packed evening of athletics here.

The meeting was the first major confrontation between Western athletes and competitors from the Eastern bloc, who were denied a chance to show their paces at the Los Angeles Olympics because of the Soviet-led boycott. The Westerners outstripped Eastern bloc athletes in all but three events.

The clash between Olympic champion Ashford and East Germany's world champion Marlies Goeßler in particular had been eagerly awaited in view of the indecisive nature of their meeting at last year's inaugural World Championships at Helsinki.

On that occasion Ashford dropped out in agony with a pulled muscle after 60 metres of the final.

This time she scorched across the finish line in 10.76 seconds to break her own record set in favourable high-altitude conditions by three hundredths of a second.

Lewis equalled his Olympic time of 9.99.

Marita Koch, the 200m world champion and record holder had no opposition in the 200 metres when she breezed away from a field including Olympic champion Brisco-Hooks, who limped home in fourth position as Koch swept through the race in 21.87 ahead of her compatriot Barbel Wöckel who clocked 22.10.

Olympic 1,500 metres champion Sigrun Coc of Britain won the 1500m in 3:32.79.

### Sri Lanka's day

LONDON (AP). — Opener Siddath Wettimuny hammered a historic century at Lords yesterday as Sri Lanka made the opening day of their first test on English soil an event to remember.

When bad light stopped play 25 minutes before the scheduled close, Sri Lanka were 226 for three after being put in to bat by England. Wettimuny was unbeaten on 116 and Arjuna Ranatunga was not out 54. The Sri Lanka batsmen delighted the crowd with boundary shots.

Wettimuny and vice-captain Roy Dinwiddie for the third time after England had grabbed two wickets for 43, and the fourth wicket partnership between the opener and Ranatunga had reached a further 82 runs before play was curtailed.

Even two pitch invasions by Tamil demonstrators, protesting about the political crisis and violence in Sri Lanka, failed to upset the batsmen, who maintained concentration and showed signs of letting the English bowlers into the initiative.

The first invasion, by about 12 demonstrators, happened as the match was due to start. The second was during the afternoon session. Each time the demonstrators sat down on the pitch but were soon removed by the police, who later reported 15 arrests.

### Moscow record

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### CONDENSED BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30TH JUNE 1984

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	30.6.1984	31.12.1983 (Audited)		30.6.1984	31.12.1983 (Audited)
<b>ASSETS</b>			<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Cash, Bank of Israel and Banking Institutions	204,085,267	84,744,091	Capital, Reserves and Retained Earnings	3,588,560	1,601,500
Securities	6,949,638	2,018,067	Capital Note	1,182,000	538,850
Loans	102,916,358	44,004,824	Deposits for the Granting of Loans	311,325,591	130,194,899
Loans out of Deposits for the Granting of Loans	42,852,727	18,706,270	Other Accounts	43,764,127	18,924,466
Other Accounts	4,091,183	1,922,766		1,210,445	277,741
Bank Premises and Equipment	175,550	141,438			
	<u>361,070,723</u>	<u>151,537,456</u>		<u>361,070,723</u>	<u>151,537,456</u>
<b>Liabilities of Customers for Documentary Credits, Guarantees and other Liabilities</b>	<b>15,204,956</b>	<b>7,190,408</b>	<b>Liabilities on Account of Customers for Documentary Credits, Guarantees and other Liabilities</b>	<b>15,204,956</b>	<b>7,190,408</b>

### CONDENSED BALANCE SHEET ADJUSTED FOR THE EFFECT OF INFLATION\* AS AT 30TH JUNE 1984

In thousands IS (Unaudited)

	30.6.1984	31.12.1983 (Audited)		30.6.1984	31.12.1983 (Audited)
<b>Monetary Assets</b>	<b>360,873,243</b>	<b>331,622,923</b>	<b>Shareholders' Equity</b>	<b>5,856,126</b>	<b>5,699,199</b>
<b>Fixed Assets and other Fixed Investments</b>	<b>2,465,046</b>	<b>2,544,964</b>	<b>Liabilities</b>	<b>357,482,163</b>	<b>328,468,688</b>
	<u>363,338,289</u>	<u>334,167,887</u>		<u>363,338,289</u>	<u>334,167,887</u>

### CONDENSED STATEMENT OF PROFIT AND LOSS FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 30.6.1984

In thousands IS (Unaudited)

	Six months ended 30.6.1984	Year ended 31.12.1983 (Audited)
Operating Profit before Taxation	1,987,060	755,468
Provision for Taxes on Income:		
Current Taxes	238,837	260,501
Deferred Taxes	(238,837)	(214,843)
(Future Tax Benefits)	—	45,658
Net Profit	<u>1,987,060</u>	<u>709,810</u>
Net Profit (Loss) Adjusted for the Effect of Inflation*	<u>156,927</u>	<u>(1,603,611)</u>

### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY DURING THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 30.6.1984

In thousands IS (Unaudited)

	Adjusted to the Index of May 1984*	Unadjusted
	Six months ended 30.6.1984	Six months ended 30.6.1984
	30.6.1984	31.12.1983 (Audited)
Shareholders' Equity at beginning of Period	5,699,199	7,294,868
Net Profit (Loss) for the Period	156,927	(1,603,611)
Issue of Shares and Securities	—	7,942
Shareholders' Equity at end of Period	<u>5,856,126</u>	<u>5,699,199</u>
	<u>5,856,126</u>	<u>3,588,560</u>
		<u>1,601,500</u>

\*Prepared on the Basis of Opinion No. 23 of the Institute of Certified Public Accountants in Israel. (Adjusted to Consumer Price Index for May 1984)

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The Post's Pinhas Landau talks to the general-manager of Bank Leumi, Mordechai Einhorn (below)

## Tightening the belt

**'We have decided not to develop more services, but to reduce them'**



AROUND THE WORLD in eighty minutes, courtesy of Bank Leumi. In the course of a discussion with Mordechai Einhorn, chief operating officer and general manager of Bank Leumi, in his well-appointed Tel Aviv office in the Bank Leumi headquarters on Yehuda Halevi Street, the focus moved to Europe, New York, Chicago, California and back the other way to Hong Kong, Singapore and Japan.

But like all Israeli jaguars, the ultimate destination was Tel Aviv, facing the real problems of the economy on the home turf.

Each of the "big three" Israeli banks espouses a distinct philosophy — not so much a business strategy, more a way of looking at the world. Nowhere is this more evident than at Leumi.

Founded by Theodor Herzl around the turn of the century, it opened in London as the Jewish Colonial Trust.

Ever since, the aim of the bank has been to act as bankers to the Jewish people — primarily in Eretz Yisrael, but also in the Diaspora. Other banks in the world believe in "universal banking" — giving all available banking services to the widest possible population — as a business strategy. At Leumi, it is a dogma, almost a *raison d'être*.

It is, therefore, correspondingly harder for Leumi to adjust itself to the new era that began in 1983 — an era of cutbacks, retrenchment and a retreat from total universality.

BUT THERE IS no room for sentiment and sense of mission when faced with a loss of \$72 million in 1983, a far-flung empire that had plainly grown too fast, heavy over-staffing and a wage level that would not have ashamed employees of a company with a profit the size of Leumi's loss. What do they propose to do about it?

"If we can prove that through a programme of increasing income and cutting costs we are improving our position, then it will become clear that much of what occurred in 1983 was not under our control," says Einhorn.

"This is the first year that we are working according to our own specifications," he says of 1984, so that if a turnaround is achieved, "it will further emphasize that (the government) should avoid interfering, and those who want us to take responsibility for the management (of the banks), should let us — each one — manage as he sees fit."

This is directed primarily at the government, of course, but also at the public.

cludes those among the public and media who criticized the banks. From the government, Einhorn knows what he needs, in addition to the hands-off approach noted above.

"One of the things the (new) government will have to do is to stop the discrimination against the banks in the field of taxation, including employers tax, VAT and insufficient protection against taxation of inflationary profits.

If the government wants to continue to milk the banks as it did in the past, it may well find itself sitting with the shares — that is, presumably, exercising its guarantees to buy the bank shares from the public in 1988.

The government therefore needs to consider how to bring the banks to a level of competitiveness so that they can live in a free economy — not to give advantages, but not to impose inferiority, either. That will help free the government of its obligation of 1988 to buy the banks' shares.

"The legal changes need to be made immediately — in 1984/5 — while we have tax-loss carry-forwards from last year. For instance, employers tax, which costs the banking system 15 per cent on a payroll of some \$800m. — that is, \$120m. — is a tax which only applies to banks and insurance companies, but to no other sector."

Einhorn also makes the standard complaint that the Law of Taxation under Inflationary Conditions protects 50 per cent of the capital of most companies, but only 20 per cent in the financial sector.

Overall, the banks are pleased with the more positive attitude displayed towards them by the government, at least by the Treasury and the Bank of Israel. We have the feeling that the Bank of Israel understands the need to act... it is possible to free the government (from the consequences of its undertaking, by releasing a high level of profitability).

ity), but there must be a forgoing of "achievements" which should never have been achieved (in taxation and using the banks as tax collectors without giving due value). The finance committee has recently shown more sympathy in these matters."

LET US try to put this into a different perspective. What Einhorn is saying is that the government is primarily responsible for creating the problems that the banks find themselves in and that the government has, in effect, confirmed its responsibility by undertaking to buy the banks' shares if the banks cannot reach a sufficient level of profitability over the next few years to put their shares at a price where the public will not need to tender them.

Since the government does not want to take control of the main banks, the bankers are in an excellent position to dictate terms. It is a question of the relationship between South American countries and the American banks which have given the loans, only here the banks are the threatening party: "If you play the game our way," they say, "we will do our best. If not, we'll go bankrupt and you'll be left with the mess."

In the 1980s, it seems, this is a threat that cannot be ignored.

Thus the government is forced to accede to the bank's requests (or suggestions or demands, call them what you will). The fact that these are often justified only makes the situation more bizarre because the burning question — how the banks and their heads allowed things to reach such a ridiculous state — becomes all the more relevant.

EINHORN ECHOES Bank Discount chairman Raphael Recanati in admitting that for years the banks were simply led up a blind alley.

"We made a mistake when we saw that there was a trend to eat into our profit-margins and we didn't say 'that's enough'."

"Furthermore, we weren't sufficiently aware of the implications of managing a bank under conditions of triple-digit inflation — we simply had no experience of it."

But if they can pass the blame onto the government, then that absolves the bankers of responsibility, at least in their own eyes. And if the government accepts that blame, then they must be right.

Or perhaps they aren't. There would seem to be two views in the government itself. The Treasury and the Bank of Israel, perhaps because they are aware of their own not-insignificant contribution to the multiple disasters of 1983, are going along with the banks.

But the attorney-general, foiled in the attempt to establish a commission of inquiry into the collapse of the bank shares, has pushed ahead with charges against the banks and their heads that they formed a cartel to keep down interest rates on tapas deposits last year. Neither Einhorn nor other bankers are willing to discuss these charges, since the matter is currently subjudice.

THERE IS one thing, however, that the public can be sure of. It is quite clear that whatever happens, they will pay. Whether the banks impose their ideas on the government, or whether they are forced to continue subsidizing their services and make further losses so that they are ultimately nationalized; whether the current senior managements remain in the drivers' seats or whether they are all removed, it won't help the customers. The customers, ultimately, will pay either through increased bank charges or through increased taxes to underwrite the government's obligation.

In practice, the die is already cast. The way for the banks to regain profitability is through making their clients pay. And the Treasury and the central bank, as noted, have endorsed this line. It is well on the way to implementation — as the Leumi chief operating officer made brutally clear:

"Efficiency (the current buzzword in the banks) does not necessarily mean more output. The banking system is one of the most efficient in the economy. What we are involved in is a rationalization of the services that we give so that resources will not be wasted on things that the bank and, on a broader scale, the economy, cannot afford."

WHAT THIS MEANS in a nutshell is that the banks will charge more and give less. "We have decided not to develop any more services, but to reduce them," says Einhorn. He notes that the level of activity in recent months — despite the pressure in some departments, notably foreign currency.

"We are assuming that there will be a further fall in the level of activity, both because of the implementation of measures to 'cool-off' the economy — and I want to be optimistic that they will be taken — although I can't estimate how much impact they will have."

"But in addition we are planning a reduction in the scope of the services we give so that not every branch will provide every service. This is already under trial in three areas."

Charging for services hitherto given free, charging more for those which have been heavily subsidized, offering less services in many branches, with fewer staff to give them, encouraging the use of automatic machines to take the pressure off the tellers — these are the main elements of the cost-cutting and income-increasing strategy that the banks have adopted since last October, at least in terms of their immediate impact on their clientele.

DESPITE THE SHOCK of being suddenly plunged into a new mode of banking following the collapse of the bank shares last October, both the banks and their customers seem to be bearing up well. And Einhorn is pleasantly surprised.

"After 10 months, one can say that the fears that we had about these moves were unfounded, and maybe we could have done things more forcefully and more quickly, but the massive criticism thrown at us at that time made us afraid that we were going too far, too fast."

In short, the line taken by Einhorn and other senior bankers is this: The wicked government created all the problems by distorting the system for years. The disaster of October 1983 made them "see the light," and now they are all "born again" and, while in no way remorseful or penitent, they are determined to adopt a strictly orthodox style of management and not stray into erroneous paths any more.

For the public, there can be no doubt that the story of the banks is the first major proof that, even in Israel, there are no free lunches and that eventually, whatever "given away" and taken for granted, will have to be paid for.

## Caveret comeback

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN / Jerusalem Post Reporter

THEIR MEMORY lingered on...and grew...and grew — until they became legends in their own time. Eight years after Caveret disbanded, each member going on his own way, the pop group reached the height of popularity.

Caveret's reunion, due to last for five performances, extended to 15, culminating in the mass concert in Ganei Yehoshua, the Yarkon Park.

Now that it's all over, the group can admit that they "never believed..." "didn't expect..." such a huge success. There are still arguments whether the last performance at the park was not the largest concert ever given in Israel. Some estimates number the audience at 500,000 like the Simon and Garfunkel concert in Central Park. At first, the group was even a little afraid of a reunion performance.

From the first reunion show, the group — Danny Sanderson, Gidi Gov, Alon Ollrichik, Meir (Poogy) Feigenstein, Yitzhak Klepter and Ephraim Shamir — sang their old hits to packed houses. Their old fans screamed and swooned with nostalgia, while teenagers hearing them for the first time just screamed and swooned. Caveret was a thoroughly "nice" pop-group, without any trace of sex or violence. Certainly nothing to inspire such hysterical response from its audience. But Israelis badly need something to scream and let go about, something releasing. There's still no law against going wild at a nice, family pop show.

The traffic jams at Ganei Yehoshua stretched for kilometres in all directions, clogging Derech Haifa, Sderot Rokah and other thoroughfares on the night of the concert. Many people came to the park early that morning with blankets and sleeping bags to catch a good place, while others walked for several kilometres from where they could find parking space to the park.

"HALF OF THE State of Israel came to bid Caveret goodbye," announced headlines the next day. Newspapers also told of screams and dozens of faintings. But many of those who fainted, Magen David Adom workers said later, fainted of hunger, after waiting in the park all day without eating. And many of



Yitzhak Klepter (front) and Ephraim Shamir during a recording session in Tel Aviv this week.

(Guthmann)

those who screamed were simply being crushed by the crowd.

The city reportedly paid \$25,000 to hold the free show in the park. One week earlier, the city did not have enough money to pay its workers' salaries and several welfare services are being cut. But Mayor Shlomo Lahat obviously thinks free entertainment (for people who would gladly have paid for the show) comes before bread and butter for his needy residents and employees.

The members of Caveret, who had to be "rescued" in an armoured prisoners' van by the police from the park after their final concert, have never lacked publicity. Always the local press's darlings, they can afford to turn their nose up at reporters.

Feeling young and popular again, they gather for a studio recording session, to pick the best songs from their reunion performances for a "live" album. However, they complain, among each other, the songs recorded were not the best ones. The

group is also making a video film of their work, intended to encourage work offers from other countries.

Asked to describe the group's kind of music, Sanderson, who wrote Caveret's songs with his special brand of wry humour, says: "We were what we were. In our reunion performances, we didn't try to imitate what we were then, ten years ago. We sang like we are today, adding a few new arrangements, like the disco song introducing the team members, performed as a parody of 'Stars on 45'."

Meir (Poogy) Feigenstein (of the famous *Poogy Tales*) and Alon Ollrichik, both of whom returned from the U.S. especially for the reunion, have reason to be satisfied: one of the group's biggest hits is a new one written for them: "This is Meir, this is Alon, who arrived from the U.S.; So let's raise a glass of water and drink to basic solidarity..."

IF THE GROUP gets a good enough offer from the U.S., it may give two "or three, or four" performances there, but no more. "Because we don't have the time," says Sanderson. Each group member has his own life and commitments now.

"This is impossible, we must start working," interrupts Ephraim Shamir sternly and the rest of the group, all but Meir (who may have learned better manners in the U.S. or maybe is just a nice guy), look as if they were wondering how to get me the hell out of there. Meir, the only one who was actually civil, looked as though he might have enjoyed continuing the conversation.

"Telephone call for someone from Caveret," shouts the janitor. "Tell them there's no such thing," shouts back Gidi Gov. "Dissolved two weeks ago," shouts someone else.

As I make my way out over the wires, cameras and assorted junk, I realize how right Gov was. There's no such thing as Caveret, a group which achieved its biggest success years after it had died.

Before leaving the building into the scorching sun, the strains of a Caveret song — loud, clear and harmonious — fill the air from the studio below: "We've arrived (or made it), after all, despite everything..."



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IF THE KNESSET decides that members of Reform and Conservative congregations abroad are second-class Jews, by passing the "Who's a Jew" amendment to the Law of Return, those congregations should pledge more money to Israel, not less.

More money, indeed. But in a manner different from before. Conservative and Reform Jews, mortified at the manipulations of the Orthodox political establishment here, should not slap the whole of Israel in the face.

I have heard ministers in the Likud-led cabinet use disparaging terms to describe the value and volume of Jewish fund-raising abroad. They call it relatively insignificant alongside earnings from exports, and transfers from the U.S. government. True. Likud-led cabinets have by now demonstrated some ignorance of the meaning of money. But it was before they managed to squander the national patrimony that they turned up their noses at Jewish fund-raising.

Reform and Conservative groups abroad have to wake up and start

doing their own thing here in Israel. In that process, they can send more and not less dollars, to help diminish Israel's balance of payments shortfall; they can put more and not less dollars into buildings and facilities here for social, cultural, spiritual and educational purposes; they can put more and not less dollars into leadership, administrative and maintenance jobs, to help alleviate the growing unemployment - result of the alliance between the right wing and the religious parties.

AS MANY an American Jewish tourist here may have felt at one time or another, a lot of Israelis think that Diaspora Jews are suckers. Diaspora Jews, they think, have a bad conscience at declining to settle here, and hence are paying conscience money in the form of donations to Israeli philanthropies.

Diaspora Jews have their own reasons for not settling here, each in his own way. That is not my business just now. But they should awaken at last to the growing influence of the Orthodox political establishment here over the past few years.

## A response to discrimination

By ASHER WALLFISH

As a result, too much of the money donated in the past few years has gone to make Israel a place where Diaspora Jews would hesitate to live, if and when the idea of aliyah occurred to them.

It is a mystery that the Reform and Conservative groups abroad have not become angry before now. The Orthodox establishment here has always spurned them, and now it plans to delegitimize them by Knesset statute. They must react to this in a way which advances their own cause, and will be unmistakably noticed by the Orthodox establishment and all

those who bend to their demands.

The Reform and Conservative groups cannot pass laws, but they have a tiny, smooth pebble in their slingshot and they have to hurl it. It will have its impact.

From now on, no Conservative or Reform group or congregation should give a penny to the existing philanthropies. If representatives of the religious parties are included in their management, or if those parties' institutions get a share of the revenues.

Nor should members of Reform and Conservative congregations be

advised to bequeath money to the State of Israel, unless it is earmarked for a specific purpose, which has been personally checked out. Otherwise, unearmarked, Orthodox institutions educating generations of voters to endorse wider religious discrimination against the majority of Diaspora Jewry, will continue to get more than their fair share.

IF THE REFORM and Conservative movements believe their message is valid, then they have to launch a quiet revolution.

They must raise funds, instead, to build more of their synagogues in Israel. They must build modern boarding schools, where a saner and more humane inculcation of the Jewish ethic will perhaps produce generations freer from xenophobia, and abhorring double standards.

They must build community centres and youth centres. They must establish libraries and recreation facilities. They must fund summer camps, independently or in collaboration with local groups dedicated to the same general ends. Reform and Conservative groups

must physically create the culture medium upon which the sort of Israeli will grow with whom Jewish immigrants seeking an enlightened society would increasingly wish to live. From now on, they should raise funds primarily for that purpose, since such are the rules of the game as played in Israel. The Orthodox parties have devoted years to creating the culture medium for a generation willing to revive the Middle Ages, helped in part by funds raised by Jews who are now being put beyond the pale.

The Bank of Israel would not chalk up a smaller dollar inflow, so Israel as a whole would not be worse off. The inflow might even be larger, thanks to the smaller overheads within organizations under direct Reform and Conservative supervision.

THERE IS no way yet of knowing whether the planned amendment to the Law of Return will pass the Knesset. No matter. The time to start the quiet revolution in fund-raising abroad is long overdue. The time for Reform and Conservative

groups to use their money in aid of their own ideals, rather than against them, is also overdue.

For even if the "Who's a Jew" amendment had never been mooted, the Orthodox establishment here would still continue to discriminate against Reform and Conservative institutions and rabbis.

The demand for the amendment is a symptom of a broader trend. That trend is gradually transforming the State of Israel into something which the original architects of Zionism did not envisage, and which the majority of Jewry today cannot identify with.

Even if the Reform and Conservative groups divert every penny they collect for Israel solely to their own projects here, as they should, it will take a generation for the effect of their quiet revolution to be felt. They must be patient. But one generation has already been lost to the forces which seek salvation in the delegitimization of others. It would be a pity if they lost a second one.

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THE CHRISTIAN world, preoccupied with little Israel, is deeply divided in its attitudes towards her. There are Christians the world over as whose identification with Israel is as strong as that of any born Zionist. Thousands come each year for the Suceot festival organized by the Christian Embassy in Jerusalem.

There are others completely at one with the worst enemies of the Jewish state. Prominent among these - and perhaps the most active - is the Quaker American Friends Service Committee.

The AFSC first drew public attention to its attitude by a "report" *The Search for Peace in the Middle East*, published in 1970; a vicious attack on Zionism, filled with anti-Israel mendacity.

Moreover it warned American Jews of an anti-Semitic backlash if they did not stop supporting the hard-line policies of the Israeli government, (headed then by Golda Meir and Abba Eban).

Two major U.S. Jewish organizations, the Anti-Defamation League

and the American Jewish Congress published a devastating detailed exposure of its falsity - a 71-page "Critical Analysis of the Quaker Report" by Harvard professors Arnold Soloway, Edwin Weiss and Gerald Caplan.

The anti-Zionist, anti-Israel credentials of the AFSC have ever since been in no doubt. It maintains a permanent propaganda campaign in the U.S. on behalf of the Arabs (not to mention its pro-PLO activity in Judea and Samaria). An observer at its 1977 conference, Professor Marvin Maurer, described (in *Middle East*) the open, explicitly permitted anti-Semitism aired there.

Of its next conference, in 1979, Maurer wrote that "the highlight of the campaign against Israel was reached when Mohammed Milhem gave his eye-witness account. Milhem was introduced as a mayor (of Halhoul) who had been elected because of his 'support of the PLO.' Milhem gave a lurid and most imaginative account of the soldiers as Nazis. He set out the Arab de-

## The war of words

By SHMUEL KATZ

mands on Israel: a return of all the "occupied territory" including Jerusalem and recognition of the "right to return" of the refugees (to Jaffa, Haifa, Acre etc.).

That same year he told the Congress on World Peace in Switzerland that "a conquest like that of Israel had not been suffered by the European peoples even under the Nazis."

A YEAR LATER Milhem was expelled from Israel by the Israeli authorities, together with his colleague Fahd Kawasme, mayor of Hebron. They had long conducted a campaign of incitement to public disorder and riot (especially by schoolchildren) - and to violence. Repeated warnings to desist went unheeded; and in interviews with Arab newspapers Milhem boasted that he was an organizer against Israel and a member of the National Guidance Committee, formed illegally "to recruit the masses to act against the Israeli authorities."

An explicit public call for direct

action was pronounced in Hebron in March, 1980. Mayor Kawasme declared that "the time for talk has passed" and Milhem added, "This rally will produce many forces and many deeds. The jihad must go on."

Five weeks later, six yeshiva students returning from Sabbath eve services were murdered from ambush in Hebron. Seeing this as the fruit of the activity of Milhem and Kawasme, the military administration promptly expelled them.

Milhem then toured Arab countries and Europe. In speeches and interviews (samples from which were submitted to the Supreme Court, where the two appealed, unsuccessfully, against their expulsion) he propounded all the PLO themes. He justified the murders in Hebron, demanded escalation of terror, and repeated his call for jihad.

He demanded the world's cooperation against Israel, threatened to "pursue the Israelis all over the world" and proclaimed the doom of Zionism. He asserted incidentally

that there was no difference between the Likud and Labour. There were, he said, "no doves, no hawks, only pigs."

FOR AFSC purposes Milhem could now be featured personally as a martyr. Somebody there had the bright idea of getting him to address Jewish audiences. To help open Jewish doors he would be provided with an Israeli collaborator.

The AFSC enlisted the cooperation of several like-minded Christian groups and one Jewish: the New Jewish Agenda. This new body had taken on the role of the collapsed Breira and had already made its presence felt by its demonstrations against "Israeli policy."

The AFSC was thus able last March to announce that in collaboration with other organizations it was bringing to the U.S. both the "distinguished" Mr. Milhem and a prominent Israeli Zionist who would be speaking together for a "real and lasting peace for both peoples." The Zionist was Mordechai Bar-On, described in the publicity as a member of the Labour Party Central Committee and a Peace Now activist.

THE ZIONIST Organization of America and other bodies acted vigorously to prevent the execution of this AFSC charade, and some potential host bodies declined the honour. The couple did however appear on a number of platforms.

Their respective performances (which were tape-recorded) are of some interest and significance.

Milhem (in San Francisco and Los Angeles) did a tolerably good job. He used no provocative language. He was just an honest hard-working mayor.

Only once did he lose his "cool." Asked by the audience (in a San Francisco meeting) about his call for a jihad, he denied it. When the questioner reminded him of March 24, 1980 in Hebron, he replied "Maybe I did call for jihad, but you would too. As mayor it was my duty to get rid of the nastiest occupation in mankind."

Bar-On loyally came to his aid on the jihad. It was, he suggested, a matter of semantics. "There is a war-speak and a peace-speak."

It was Bar-On too who explained the expulsion of Milhem (who refrained from answering a question on the subject) Milhem, according to Bar-On, had done nothing wrong. He, after all, had not committed the murder. He had been deported for purely "political" reasons. Indeed, said Mr. Bar-On, his "good friend" Milhem was known throughout Israel as one of the group of the most moderate leaders of the Palestinians on the West Bank.

Moreover, he declared, he (Bar-On) had killed. He had fought in the wars and killed Arabs. Mordechai Bar-On, defending his people against the onslaught of the Arab nations proclaiming their determina-

tion to prevent the birth of Israel and destroy its people, equates himself with the aggressor? Mordechai Bar-On, fighting as a soldier to prevent the intended annihilation of Israel in 1967, equates himself with the PLO murderers of civilian men, women and children.

Towards the end of his address Bar-On showed he had taken heed of sarcastic comments from a lively and knowledgeable section of the audience. They had evidently read the leaflets, distributed by protesters outside the hall, containing some of the evidence against Milhem submitted to the Supreme Court in Israel.

Bar-On confesses that for all his friendship with Milhem, he was "very suspicious of what the Palestinians had in mind."

But, said Mr. Bar-On, there was hope; and it lay in people like Mr. Milhem.

For Mr. Milhem is, after all, a moderate.

ON RETURNING from his mission with Mr. Milhem on behalf of the American Friends Service Committee, Mr. Bar-On ran for election to the Knesset - oddly enough, not for the Labour Party. He had switched to the Citizens' Rights Movement.

He was elected; and Mr. Milhem must be congratulating himself on a double achievement. First, such a friend in the Knesset; second, he will no longer have to feel uncomfortable about being so friendly with one of the Labour Party "pigs."

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# THE COURTING OF EZER

By MARK SEGAL/Post Political Correspondent



IT MAY BE SAID of Ezer Weizman that life has begun again at 60. After weathering an uncharacteristic period of seclusion in Caesarea, he has bounced back into the center of the political stage. Written off and shunned — particularly by his old Likud colleagues — Weizman has probably been the most courted figure on the political scene since the elections.

There is now much talk of the New Weizman, of the *enfant terrible* making way for the adroit coalition kingmaker.

Initially, he carried over into his political career the image of dashing insouciance that made him such a beloved air force commander. He did not fit into the standard mould of sober mediocrity and was the object of some suspicion among seasoned veterans, and not only in Herut, for long his political home.

His super-sabra swagger and aristocratic panache caused some of his contemporaries to underestimate his talents. Such an attitude has been particularly prevalent among those who envied his seemingly effortless capacity to charm the public. His intolerance towards fools and his low threshold of forbearance for incompetence and double-dealing produced some of his famous flashes of temper, which made headlines when they involved senior cabinet advisers.

Weizman's enemies laboured to characterize him as a man who shoots from the hip, who is too quick on the draw.

Yet they could not dismiss so easily the architect of Israel's air power and of one of the prime movers in the peace negotiations with Egypt.

At the conversion, in his mid-50s, of the fighter pilot who devoted most of his life to destroying Arab armies into the warrior for peace with the Arabs, who even quit the Defence Ministry when his old party began to abandon the peace process, should provide excellent material for students of psycho-politics and psycho-history.

WEIZMAN HAS emerged from the political wilderness a much-sobered man; exemplifying the adage that the older one gets the more one becomes what one already was. It is apparent to anyone who has followed Weizman's career that an extremely shrewd mind operates behind the debonair facade.

I came across some highly revealing insights into Weizman's *modus operandi* in a brand new book called *Special Counsel*, by his closest friend, Wall Street lawyer Leon Charney. Charney's illuminating analysis of Weizman's political strategy is a must-read for anyone interested in the current political scene.

Two crucial encounters led Weizman to his fateful decision this week to join forces with Labour's Shimon Peres and openly declare his preference for an alliance with the Alignment. And surprisingly, I have learned, those two meetings were with top Likud personalities.

The first was with Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, who offered Ezer his old job as minister of defence in a new Likud government. Shamir also promised Weizman a spot in the front rank of Herut, his old party, from which he had been thrown out by Menachem Begin in 1980. But when Weizman asked Shamir for assurances that the Herut settlement lobby and Yoram Aridor's Tehiya tail would not be the Likud dog, Shamir did not offer clear support.

Then came a weekend talk with Ariel Sharon, his adversary from army and cabinet days. The minister-without-portfolio said that he'd back Ezer for the defence post (though some suspect that wasn't so much a pro-Ezer move as a way to "get" the current incumbent, Defence Minister Moshe Arens).

There was implied menace in the tone of that conversation, I have been told, with Arik dropping broad hints of what might happen if Ezer didn't "come home" to the Likud. That is said to have discomfited Ezer almost as much as the scenario, reportedly advanced by Sharon, in which the two ex-generals would work together to take over the Likud, pushing Shamir out and blocking Deputy Premier David Levy's path to the top.

After pondering over the implications of the conversation, Ezer began to shift towards his Labour option.

THE COURTSHIP of Ezer was a vigorous one, with suitors from various sections of the right ardently seeking his hand. A surprise visit came from Rev. Arik (Res.) Eitan, Likud's MK, Rafael (Rafael) Eitan. The former chief of staff assured Ezer that, should the latter join a Likud government, there'd be no difficulties from him. But naturally, Rafal could not make the same assurances on behalf of his Tehiya colleagues. Gideon Cohen and Rabbi Ezer Weizman.

Other visitors were Morasha's Rabbi Haim Druckman, who asked Ezer to keep the faith with the right wing, and Herzliya Mayor Eli Landau, a Sharon lieutenant, who peddled Arik's package, albeit in a much brighter gift-wrapping. Another caller was Mer Shitrit, the Yavne MK who in 1980 had fought against Ezer's expulsion.

pushed the waverers at home into the anti-peace camp in the impending Knesset debate on the peace agreement, damaging Weizman's image as an Israeli who knows how to deal with the Americans.

After Weizman received a letter from then U.S. Defence Secretary Harold Brown at his Washington Hotel confirming his worst fears, he made sure that his angry reaction would reverberate throughout the White House. Charney was present during a social call at the Arlington home of presidential legal counsel Robert Lipshutz, where Weizman exploded, "shouting imprecations about Carter and Camp David, and threatening to blow the whole thing up."

"That was the most unpleasant 10 minutes of my life," writes Charney. "It was certainly effectively nerve-shattering on the White House counsel and his wife, Betty. The Southern Jewish gentleman and his lady had seldom heard any talk like that before."

"I suspected, however, that the outburst was premeditated. I had gotten to know Ezer pretty well, and behind the public image of the dashing fighter pilot and impetuous politician existed a very punctilious person, with one of the fastest minds I have ever encountered in my years as a lawyer."

The tantrum paid off. A somewhat shaken Lipshutz immediately called the president at his weekend retreat in Camp David to convey the Israeli minister's furious reaction, and by the time Weizman left for home, Charney reports, the half-billion dollars had been restored.

RE-READING the memoirs of both Weizman and the late Moshe Dayan, one perceives how the two former brothers-in-law joined forces, both during and after Camp David, to coax Menachem Begin into making the vital concessions that brought an end to blood-letting on our southern frontier. It was Begin's withdrawal into the Revisionist bunker and his retreat from his great historical achievement that prompted Weizman to resign.

(Many people claim that he thus forfeited his considerable prospects of succeeding Begin as leader of the party, but the annals of Herut are littered with the political corpses of its founder's would-be heirs. When Begin resigned, he hardly played any role in the succession.)

In the wake of the resignation, following Weizman's "charismatic" letter of resignation, the erstwhile heir-apparent was drummed out of the party whose ascendancy to power he had orchestrated in 1977, on charges of *lese-majeste*.

Only two members of the Herut secretariat dared voice their objection to the expulsion organization department head Michael Reiser, whose hand was the only one raised against the motion, and Deputy Housing Minister Moshe Katzav, who abstained.

IT'S NO SECRET that the No. 2 on Ezer's Yahad list, Binyamin (Foad) Ben-Eli, was inclined to jump straight into the Likud's embrace, after certain inducements were offered him. He might have swayed, were it not for the letter of resignation he and other party candidates were required to deposit with party secretary-general Avraham (Abraham) Tami.

Not everyone in Yahad was overjoyed about Ezer's lurch to the left. Some even said that he was treating his political creation like one of the cars of his Avis rental agency, and turning it in after use. But no one can say that Ezer doesn't "try harder."

THE ARRIVAL of Ezer's pal (and biggest overseas fund-raiser), Wall Street lawyer Leon Charney, has set the rumour mills agrounding, especially since he was seen in the company of pals on both sides of the political divide — like Labour's Haim Bar-Lev and the Likud's Eitan Omer. When I called Charney at his Tel Aviv hotel, he said: "I have no role whatsoever in Israeli politics. I'm here on vacation and to see my mother and sister who live in Ra'anana."

When asked why he got involved in working for Yahad in the U.S., Charney explained, "It's because of my long friendship with Ezer. I assume that if I ever run for elective office in the States, he'll do the same for me."

While here, Charney is finalizing a deal with Yedior Aharonov's Dov Yadkovsky, who will serialize excerpts of his book *Special Counsel*. All local proceeds will go to wounded soldiers.

Just before coming here, Charney found himself embroiled in a public shaming match with New York Mayor Ed Koch over his book's criticism of Hisszon for having blasted former President Jimmy Carter, whom Charney regards as having been one of Israel's best friends ever in the White House. Incidentally, it was characteristic that Weizman was the only one who took the trouble to phone Menachem Begin, overruling their old animosity, after the Knesset declaration ceremony, to tell him how much he will be missed. I'm informed that none of the MKs of Begin's political creation took the trouble to do that.

While Begin's 71st birthday was marked quietly by a family get-together, Shimon Peres was given a surprise party for his 61st birthday at party HQ. He appeared for a routine meeting with the top party forum — Yitzhak Rabin, Yitzhak Navon and Haim Bar-Lev when the secretaries burst into the room bearing bouquets of flowers, bottles of wine and

It is apparent in retrospect that Begin did not want anyone sufficiently authoritative in the cabinet, who might interfere with his design of letting Arik Sharon and Rafael Eitan loose the dogs of war in Lebanon. It would seem that, just as De Gaulle could never forgive the Anglo-Saxons for saving France, so Begin would never pardon Weizman, who, as Likud campaign chief, engineered his election victory in 1977. The paradox was that Weizman's success hinged largely on the fashioning of a new benign Begin image to counter the war-mongering reputation of the absent Herut leader, who spent much of the election campaign in hospital.

THERE WERE numerous efforts over the years by people like Reiser, Katzav and Yavne MK Meir Shitrit, as well as Begin's old deputy, Ya'acov Meridor, to bring Weizman back, but to no avail. The Begin veto proved convenient for such rivals for the leadership as David Levy, Yoram Aridor and Ariel Sharon, who did not want such a serious contender pitted against them.

There was more than a smattering of hypocrisy about the aggrieved cries emanating from the throats of Levy, Haim Corfu and company this week after Weizman signed a coalition agreement with Labour. They had been urging him with pleas along the lines of "Come home! All is forgiven!" Yet, as his prime adviser, Yavne Meridor, said: "It depends on what's waiting for you at home — a prison warden or loving parents. When all is said and done, Ezer has been there before, and that's why he left in the first instance."

Ezer's tenure in the latest abode of the Revisionist idea was, at the most, tenuous. This will be borne out by examining his political career in detail.

His formal association with Herut/Gahal/Likud began in 1969. But it can honestly be said that his active

involvement in party affairs spans much less than half that time. It seems like light years since the period when parties along the whole political spectrum sought fully-fledged generals, brigadiers or colonels to adorn their lists of Knesset candidates. In those more innocent days, the aura of the Six Day War victory still clung to our army brass.

Labour's Pinhas Sapir brought in ex-chief of staff Haim Bar-Lev to offset Moshe Dayan, and was still dicker with Major General Shlomo Lahat about his becoming a likely candidate for the next Tel Aviv mayoralty elections, before the Liberals' Simha Ehrlich got to him. It was still the heyday of Arik Sharon's honeymoon with the Liberals, and the swashbuckling general could be encountered with his wife Lily at smart dinner parties in the home of his Liberal Party sponsor, Jewish Agency Chairman Arye Duzin and his wife, Annette. Even Sheli, the left-wing party, adopted Colonel (Res.) Meir Pa'il as its No. 1 candidate. This was the background to the sudden transformation of our hero into a Herut minister.

IT WAS JUST AFTER the November 1969 Knesset elections. Labour, led by Golda Meir, swept back with 56 seats to form her second, short-lived, national unity government.

Menachem Begin's Gahal returned 26 MKs, and this time his party resolved to grab its share of the cabinet in contrast to the previous government, in which none of its ministers held a portfolio. Only Begin himself and Duzin, out of six Gahal ministers, remained without a specific ministry. Arye Ben-Eliizer had just died, and was much lamented; it was obvious that the next in line in Herut would be Haim Landau. He took development.

When the Herut Central Committee came to vote on the party's third minister, its veteran economic affairs spokesman, Dr. Yohanan Bader, was defeated by Tel Aviv

party boss Yosef Kremerman, who announced on the morrow that he was keeping the seat warm for a surprise candidate.

It caused quite a sensation when "Mr. N." turned out to be Weizman — who subsequently effected the speediest demobilization in the annals of the IDF, jumping overnight from the office of deputy chief of staff to the seat of transport minister. He enjoyed a thunderous welcome at the Herut Central Committee, with Begin at his most paternal saluting him as "Mon Général."

But there were background murmurings from the old IZL "fighting family" inner circle at the meteoric advent of the "usurper." They valued his vote-getting capabilities, but resented the fact that he took neither himself nor their politics too seriously. His sharp tongue left lasting scars on various functionaries; they would turn on him when the day of reckoning came.

Weizman's initiation into the mysteries of government lasted until August 1970: Begin took Gahal out of the national coalition by a narrow vote at the combined Gahal Central Committee over the diplomatic initiative of then U.S. secretary of state William Rogers, involving acceptance of UN Security Council Resolution 242. Weizman, in common with such old-time loyalists as Meridor, was against Begin's line, but out of deference to his leadership, did not come out openly into the opposition. It is said that Weizman's having dared to reveal a cast of mind independent of the Herut leader put him on Begin's notorious "grudge list" from that moment onwards.

WEIZMAN WENT into private business, and only reappeared at Metzuat Ze'ev, the Herut HQ, in the mid-70s to become party executive chairman, which in those days meant running the party machine. Having come on too strong, he could not last in a climate that called for sycophancy rather than organiza-

tional talents. Once more he withdrew into private life, emerging in time to run the Likud's 1977 winning campaign.

When Weizman finally decided to jump back into the political mainstream, he did it with a sizeable measure of his usual aplomb. He created Yahad as his new vehicle, and within three months — thanks to the organizational talents of Tamir, who built up a party structure from scratch, backed by the financial help of overseas supporters like Meshulam Riklis and Charney, head of the U.S. Friends of Yahad, plus a clever publicity campaign — he was on the map.

It is no secret that the three seats he won came as a disappointment to Weizman and his supporters. However, it says much for his astute grasp of the finer points of political negotiations that he has managed to extract the maximum advantage from his pivotal position between the two big party blocs.

The speed with which the Likud leadership rediscovered its long-concealed affinity with Weizman was ample proof of its acknowledgement that he held the key to the Cabinet. After all, the electorate split into three parts, declining to put absolute trust in either of the Big Two. Of the small parties, Tehiya, Morasha and Shas were committed prior to the Likud, while Shinui and the Citizens Rights Movement CRM were bound to the Labour Alignment.

This left Weizman and his allies, Yigael Hurvitz and Aharon Abuhazzeira as the decisive weight on the coalition see-saw, with the even more depleted National Religious Party and Agudat Yisrael closely following Weizman's moves before deciding which way to jump.

Just as his late, legendary, brother-in-law, Moshe Dayan, turned from being a warrior on the battlefield and became a fighter for peace in his later years, so has Weizman, the erstwhile super-hawk, become almost obsessed with the need to abandon the course of confrontation in favour of accommodation with the Arab world. Unlike the more introverted Dayan, the ultra-extroverted Weizman managed to establish a network of personal relationships with the Egyptian ruling class, from the late Anwar Sadat downwards, which survived the president's assassination. Even while in political exile, Weizman was the only Israeli personality capable of keeping the door between Jerusalem and Cairo from totally closing.

Weizman is profoundly convinced that the achievement of an accommodation with our other neighbours to the north and the east is possible. He is also convinced that this development is the key to Israel's economic recovery.

IN RECENT WEEKS, the Likud courting of Ezer intensified, and was

accompanied by none-too-discreet threats from Levy and Co. that, should he opt for Labour, he might be faced by violent demonstrations. The implications only confirmed the worst fears of circles much more hostile to the Likud than Weizman: that Herut would not go quietly or easily out of office.

Then he was confronted by the argument that went thus: there is a sizeable segment of the Likud that is neither as populist as Levy nor as war-hungry as Sharon, but which wants to see the party as a conservative-national bloc, and wants Weizman inside to offer himself as a candidate for the leadership, once Yitzhak Shamir steps down in the none-too-distant future. The belief exists that Weizman could compel the Liberals to merge with all the other factions of the Likud into one single party. Weizman was also cautioned that, should he seek to pursue the cause of peace from a Labour-led, narrowly-based government, he would find himself bitterly opposed by a militant right-wing opposition. Into this line of argument was brought the notion that, anyhow, he would have the centre and the left on his side if it came to a showdown over any peace initiative.

It is hardly a secret that Weizman was in two minds for most of the coalition negotiation period, that he even gave serious consideration to accepting the post of defence minister in a Shamir cabinet. However, it seems that further conversations with Shamir, Sharon and others brought him to the conclusion that the Likud's face was not seriously turned towards peace, and that it would not forgo its obsession with Judea and Samaria to the exclusion of the rest of the country. Moreover, he apparently felt that Sharon's comeback to a senior position the Likud, augmented by the increased Tehiya influence, would make the difficulties of his final days in the first Begin government seem like a picnic.

THUS, THE LIKUD's first defence minister decided to emulate the example of its first foreign minister by "doing a Dayan in reverse," and the complaints of Levy, Ronnie Milo and Corfu on this score are disingenuous, to say the least.

It has been my contention for some time now that the disappearance from the scene of the founding fathers — and Menachem Begin was the last of them — must mean the start of a radical change in our political system. The dramatic move by Weizman to form an alliance with Labour is, to my mind, the harbinger of that long overdue realignment of our political forces.

In the final analysis, Weizman has opted for the great Zionist pragmatic tradition epitomized by his great uncle, Chaim Weizmann, Israel's first president. He has closely witnessed the sorry results of the workings of Revisionist ideas. He has witnessed the need to return to sane Zionist solutions, instead of pushing the country to the edge of the abyss in pursuit of unrealistic and unattainable messianic objectives.

## The turning point

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a huge birthday cake, with the inscription: "To Shimon — from 61 years to 62." (The reference was to a working Knesset majority.)

THE BID of Herut's Transport Minister Haim Corfu and Health Minister Eliezer Shostak to grab the Knesset Speaker's seat from Arik Eban, on the argument that they enjoy priority because of their greater age, may have interesting repercussions. Enquiry elicited that the third, and fourth, in line for the longest-serving member of our parliament are veteran Communist MKs Meir Wilner and Tawfik Toubi. Moreover, the former was a signatory of the Declaration of Independence. If Eban stays on as acting Knesset Speaker, he may have to stand in for his brother-in-law, President Chaim Herzog.

DURING ONE of the Likud-Labour unity talks, Eban presented Premier Shamir with an autographed copy of his newest work *Heritage*, the lavishly produced and illustrated book of the 510m. TV series *Civilization and the Jews*, which he wrote and narrated. The Likud leader told him: "I have only just now finished reading your book *The New Diplomacy*. It seems that from the viewpoint of literary output you're better off in the opposition."

Eban told me that the first edition comprises 150,000 copies. It has been picked as a Book-of-the-Month Club choice. Some 350 TV stations the world over have already bought screen rights, which means that at least 20 million people will see it. This week Eban is due to meet with Israel Broadcasting Authority Chairman Micha Yano to discuss local screening. "They're talking of dubbing yet they never dubbed *Dallas* or *The Muppets*, did they?" he complained.

MANY LABOUR people are wondering why Peres let party loyalty circles — read Rabbi Menachem Hacohen — walk out of the coalition negotiating team with the NRP's Dr. Yosef Burg and Ze'ev Hammer. After all, he speaks their language, unlike Peres's choice as chief negotiator ex-Justice Minister Haim Zadok, whose advice it will be recalled to then-premier Yitzhak Rabin in 1977 to engineer a showdown with the NRP brought about the government's fall and early elections. This time he wants to put Humpty-Dumpty together again!

Burg and his Lamiha faction boss Rafael Ben-Natan have been indulging in some "we-told-you-so's" with Hammer, who is now regretting that he imposed on the Burg faction Prof. Avner Shikany as No. 3. Today the hard-line professor not only wants Hammer's job as education minister, he also wants to replace Burg as party leader. Some people wonder about Hammer's lack of judgement in the 1981 elections when he similarly imposed Druckman on the party.

FOREIGN MINISTRY Director-General David Kimche has shown a fine sense of irony by appointing Yosef Bahari as director of the ministry's department for official VIP guests. Bahari is the militant chairman of the ministry staff committee, who started the sanctions against admitting official visitors into the ministry's Jerusalem compound.

Co-S Moshe Levy was one of over a thousand guests attending the revival of biblical agricultural ceremonies at Moshav Shitufi Beit Yattir. Dignitaries from Arab villages and Beduin encampments in the south Hebron hills and the vale of Arad witnessed the "redemption of the vineyard" by Sephardi Chief

Rabbi Mordechai Efrani and the presentation of the fleece from the first sheep-shearing to a scion of the priestly line, in this case Labour MK Rabbi Menachem Hacohen.

The communal rabbi of the moshav movement ventured into the Gush Emunim affiliated Amarna territory out of a political family loyalty. The moshav shifrit secretary is a cousin, Moshe Hager, and the event was organized by another cousin, Shai Levy, son of Israel's consul-general in New York, Naftali Levy.

Other clan members there included Jerusalem Post staffer Moshe Kohn — the MK's cousin — whose daughter Zippora Shapiro and son-in-law Zev are veteran settlers; Kohn's son Avi, administrative director of the Shvut Israel Heder Yeshiva in Efrata in the Etzion bloc;

and Ben-Gurion University Professor Pinhas Peli and his wife Pina.

VETERAN Jerusalem writer-editor Misha Louvish was given a surprise "This Is Your Life"-style 75th birthday party in Jerusalem. His old boss, fifth president Yitzhak Navon, sent warm greetings, while Lucien Harris, today with the WZO external Dept., reminisced about their good fight back in Britain in the '30s as leaders of the University Zionist Federation, when Louvish lived in Glasgow and Harris in Manchester. Harris lauded Louvish's career in Israel — in the Government Press Office in Jerusalem; with the WZO; as editor (for 15 years) of *Facts About Israel*; as speech-writer for prime ministers David Ben-Gurion and Levi Eshkol; as an editor of the *Encyclopedia Judaica*; and as translator of Agnon, Aharon Megged and Yehoshaphat Harkabi.

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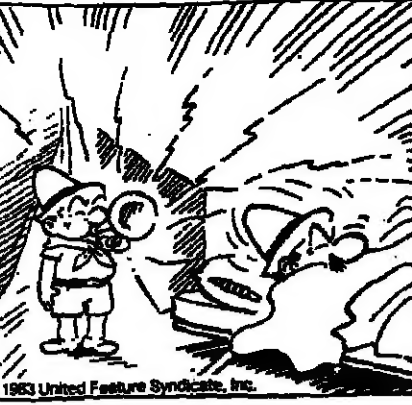
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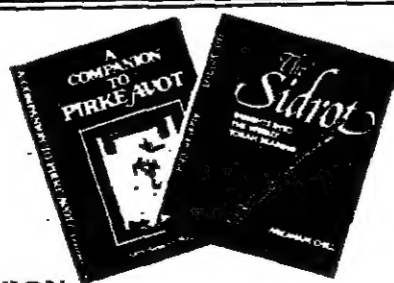
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the six who are likely to give him tacit support.

Even if Peres and Shamir agree on a national unity government at their meeting today, Peres will need an extra period to finalize the details and policies of the government.

Peres told the Labour Party bureau yesterday that he would propose to Shamir that their parties form a national unity government "without rotation (of the premiership) and according to agreed guidelines." He stressed that the Alignment would not agree to its ministers' being in a minority in the unity government.

Today's meeting could break up over the rotation issue. Shamir is believed to be ready to agree to rotation, with Peres serving as prime minister first, but Peres will reject the idea out of hand. In a television interview on Wednesday night, Peres explained that, in the view of experts, rotation is contrary to democratic principles.

The two party leaders will also have to decide on important matters of policy that have been referred to them by the economic and foreign-policy negotiating teams. The most problematic of these is the question of the establishment of new settle-

ments in the administered areas. While the Alignment is willing to accept increased settlement in "security" areas only, the Likud has refused to accept the principle of a partial halt to settlement.

The two formulas awaiting the decision of Peres and Shamir are the Alignment formula that new settlements be decided by a "special" majority of cabinet ministers, and the Likud proposal that an ordinary majority be sufficient.

Two economic issues have also been left to the mediation of the party leaders: the Likud's demand that government corporations be sold to private enterprise, and the Alignment's demand that the government continue to control national land as government property. (Mapam reaction story, Page 2.)

The Labour Party bureau yesterday heard reports on the Yahad agreement from Peres and party secretary-general Haim Bar-Lev, and reports on the Alignment-Likud policy negotiations from MKs Yitzhak Navon and Gad Ya'acobi.

Peres described the agreement with Yahad as "a great achievement for the Labour Party at a realistic price." Bar-Lev added that Yahad had been promised three "safe" seats on the Alignment Knesset list for the 12th Knesset.

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stable peace" in the unity government's proposed invitation to Jordan, his Likud colleagues had rejected his proposal. When Defence Minister Moshe Arens had seemed to accept a Labour proposal that the development of extant settlements be undertaken by Likud-Labour accord, Minister without Portfolio Ariel Sharon had rejected it.

A Labour source said Sharon had been "the most prominent in making difficulties."

At his meeting with Peres this morning, Shamir is expected to put forward a proposal for "rotating" the premiership. But Peres has publicly rejected this idea, and there is strong opposition to it in the Alignment.

If Shamir eventually agrees to serve under Peres — as some sources estimate he will do, if the terms are right — he will probably be supported in this by Defence Minister Moshe Arens.

Shamir's readiness to contemplate a unity government under Labour, if the terms are right, is believed to be shared by Defence Minister Moshe Arens. But the views of two other key figures in the Likud — Levy and Minister without Portfolio Ariel Sharon — are harder to define, and many observers believe the two would prefer to force early elections.

Defence, however, could pose a major problem for Shimon Peres: it is earmarked for his longtime-rival now-close-colleague, Yitzhak Rabin.

Peres, moreover, faces consistent lack of enthusiasm on the part of Mapam for the unity option. Mapam would doubtless balk at Labour's ceding defence to the Likud and would cite it as grounds for foiling the unity bid.

Yet Mapam's preference, a narrow government under Labour, seemed far from realization yesterday, given the continued refusal of the religious parties to be drawn towards supporting it.

National Religious Party leader Dr. Yosef Burg met yesterday with Shamir to reiterate his party's

advocacy of a unity government. Burg contended to the premier that Yahad leader Ezer Weizman's swing over to Labour had strengthened — not weakened, as Shamir maintained — the prospects of a unity government's being formed.

Burg noted later, speaking to *The Jerusalem Post*, that the fence-sitting of Tami Party leader Aharon Abuhatzira further strengthened those prospects.

Labour is hoping to woo both Tami and the NRP, as well as Agudat Yisrael, to support a narrow government under its leadership.

Burg told *The Post* he would now revive his attempt to forge a common front between the four religious parties: his own NRP, Agudat Yisrael, Shas and Morasha.

After a meeting in Tel Aviv of the NRP leadership, Burg told journalists it would be "strange indeed" if the Aguda were to support a Labour coalition backed by the Communists — especially if the religiously less-extreme NRP refused to do so. (Labour wants the Aguda and NRP together to join a Labour-led government, thus obviating the need for support from the Communist-dominated Democratic Front for Peace and Equality and the Jewish-Arab Progressive List for Peace.)

But Burg told journalists that no narrow government could survive long and there would soon have to be new elections. "Then," he continued, "it's one or the other: either election economics, or economic austerity — and a narrow government that imposes austerity is doomed to electoral defeat. Only a broad government can fight inflation and restore economic stability."

Education Minister Zevulun Hammer, head of the NRP Young Guard faction, also underscored the party's "commitment not to join" a narrow government. And the No. 3 NRP MK, Avner Sciaky, said the party would "prefer opposition" to renege on its long-standing support for the unity ideal. "What is important to a party is its faithfulness and its credibility," Sciaky said.

## KIDNAPPING

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Britons out of the country in the wake of the foiled Dikko kidnapping, a senior executive at a British construction company said yesterday.

Robert McAlpine, vice chairman of Marcell Holdings, said his company was awarded a multi-million dollar contract in Nigeria in 1982. But just two months before the work was due to be finished the workers were told to leave the country, he said. McAlpine did not say exactly when the workers were ordered out.

The Nigerian military authorities charged that the workers lacked necessary immigration papers, but McAlpine said he suspected the expulsion was actually connected to the Dikko affair.

POLLUTION. — The instant-coffee plant in Safad has been asked by the Kinneret Drainage Authority to stop polluting the lake with waste products. The plant was asked to dispose of wastes by burying them.

## ABUHATZEIRA WOODED

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Last night, the Tami leader met the Alignment leader, Shimon Peres, at the Dan Hotel for further discussions, after the Tami secretariat had met and decided to continue working for a national unity government. "We don't think the solution lies in a narrow government, especially not in one depending on the Communists and Progressive List for Peace," Tami's third in command, Dayan, told *The Jerusalem Post* after the meeting.

Abuhatzira is due to meet Peres again next week. The Tami leader has also said he will hold another meeting with the Likud.

Dayan said that Ezer Weizman's move to have Yahad join the Alignment did not surprise Tami, which had known that Weizman had severed his ties with the Likud.

The secretariat meeting followed Abuhatzira's meetings with Weizman — whose sudden swing towards the Alignment turned Tami into a key factor in forming an Alignment-led government — with Rafael Edri (Alignment-Labour) and with

Yigael Hurvitz, who has joined Weizman's bloc.

But they all failed to sway Abuhatzira, who emerged from all the meetings calling for a national unity government. The Alignment, Yahad and Omert still hope that Tami will join them and that this will induce the National Religious Party and Agudat Yisrael to follow suit.

It was reported that the Alignment offered Abuhatzira a choice of the religious affairs or social affairs portfolios and three "real" places on the Alignment list in the next Knesset election.

Official Alignment sources denied rumours that the party had offered Abuhatzira portfolios or anything else. "No official negotiations have been held today between party members and Tami and no offers have been made," the sources said.

The Tami secretariat also appointed a team consisting of Ben-Zion Rubin, Eli Dayan, Eli Artzi and Shalom Danino to negotiate with the Likud and the Alignment about their economic, social and religious plans. The team will report to the secretariat next week, when Tami continues to discuss political developments.

## LABOUR UNREST

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brackets will affect both self-employed and wage-earners, and will hurt the former even more than the latter.

As expected, Cohen-Orgad was attacked by Alignment members for his decision. MK Haim Ramon said that corporations will reduce tax payments by some IS\$2 billion in the coming months while the minister insists on raising revenue by some IS\$1, from workers' taxes.

Even some of Cohen-Orgad's par-

ty colleagues deserted him during the debate. MK Meir Shitrit accused both parties of rigidity. Only MKs Yigael Cohen and Dan Tichon backed Cohen-Orgad and demanded that the Histadrut sign a package deal with the Treasury.

Answering his critics, Cohen-Orgad said that the problems of the economy cannot wait for the establishment of a new government. He again called on the Histadrut to begin negotiating immediately, saying this was the only way to avoid widespread unemployment.

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## Exploiting free speech

By DAVID MANDEL

ON THE FACE OF IT, newly-elected MK Meir Kahane and his views do not pose a serious problem to the country's politicians and other public figures. Even the two dozen men accused of planning and executing terrorist acts against West Bank Arabs have politely declined his assistance.

But for Israel's traditional defenders of free speech, Kahane's entry into the legislature has raised doubts, challenged long-held assumptions and even caused despair.

No less than veteran civil libertarian Justice Haim Cohn, hardened by over a decade on the Supreme Court bench, where he often found himself in a minority in defending free expression, told participants at a symposium on the subject last week in Jerusalem that he had "nothing to say."

The few sentences he did utter to some 200 assembled supporters of the Association for Civil Rights in Israel (ACRI), of which he is president, made ample use of words such as pain, depression and shame. Most of all, he was shattered by the "usurpation of Judaism by those who would slander the Torah" and question "our right to be moral Jews."

Describing Kahaneism as a cancer, Cohn continued, "It cannot be cured by law or punishment." He could not abandon the traditional liberal view, though clearly something had gone very wrong.

"We are all to blame," he said, but could not point to where or how. "Let us mourn," he concluded, "and at least teach our children to steer clear of the disease." But he offered no thought on how to even reach the children of those who voted for Kach or might do so in the future.

TO ACRI'S CREDIT it did anticipate the dilemma. Eight months ago, virtually the same audience had gathered to hear a debate on the limits of free speech. It followed the airing on television of derogatory comments on Arabs by Upper Nazareth residents who had organized to try to keep them out of their town.

Presenting the ACRI case against limiting free speech at that event was Dr. David Kretzmer of the Hebrew University's law faculty. The best way to prevent the spread of racist ideas, he argued, is through democratic dialogue and persuasion, not by attempting to make them illegal. In any case, views expressed in private conversations cannot be squelched; only if they are heard can they be fought.

Differing with those who say that limits must be imposed on expression of views which could impinge upon the rights of others if put into practice, Kretzmer pointed out that in a sense, every political opinion can be said to threaten the interests of those who hold contrary views. The line must be drawn very sharply, he said, between the narrow, legal offence of libel and the voicing of merely unpopular views, no matter how distasteful.

Kretzmer was therefore disappointed by the High Court of Justice, which had recently failed to take a clear stand on the public's right to hear from prominent West Bank Palestinians in the face of an Israel Television directive not to interview "PLO figures." The court did rule against that policy, but as regards two of the three justices, only because it was unacceptably vague. The way was left open for a more explicitly defined boycott.

Concluding his presentation, Kretzmer warned that attempting to bear even potentially dangerous ideas from public scrutiny could drive their proponents more easily from words to violent acts. Here, too, a line must be drawn: the Weimar Republic did not give way to Nazism because it tolerated racist talk, but because it failed to act energetically against the early manifestations of racist violence.

THE OTHER PROTAGONIST in the debate last winter was Yosef (Tommy) Lapid, then concluding his stint as director-general of the Broadcasting Authority and considered an enemy of the generally left-of-centre views held by the audience, try as ACRI might to separate civil liberties from party politics.

Quick to step on his listeners' tender toes, Lapid castigated the "double standard" of certain unnamed persons who, he said, protest when a Kahane gets air time on the state media, but not when a pro-PLO West Bank figure such as Bassam Shak'a of Nablus does. "Why should Jews who want to keep Arabs out of Upper Nazareth be treated differently from Arabs who want to keep Jews out of Hebron?" he asked.

But while Kretzmer's answer was that neither view should be barred, if newsworthy, Lapid preferred to keep all "incitement," whether by Kahane or by the "PLO supporters," off the small screen.

The Nazareth broadcast, he admitted candidly, was a mistake. "If I had seen it, it would not have been aired." But turning to the obvious question of how such decisions should be made, and by what standards, he could only say, in effect, "Trust me." Legislated rules could only be very general, with the

ultimate decision resting in the hands of a hopefully "wise, experienced" person who can pragmatically take into account all the relevant circumstances in the few minutes sometimes available.

A law against racism? Why not? But it would have to leave plenty of room for interpretation. Lapid added, by the people who had to apply it. Such power of interpretation is precisely what Kretzmer and the civil libertarians do not want to see placed in the hands of broadcasting supervisors or the police.

Haim Cohn, too, only six months ago, was both eloquent and confident in expounding his misgiving about any "law against racism."

Yet there was something unnerving about the debate. In effect, Kretzmer, Cohn and other participants from the audience were gallantly fighting for the right of a view they despised to be heard; and the self-proclaimed "rightist" Lapid was more than willing, if only because it was bad for Israel's image, to censor that view along with others he considered equally dangerous on the opposite end of the spectrum.

None of the ACRI people tried to distinguish between Kahane, who openly advocates the expulsion of Arabs, and the West Bank mayors, who have all expressed public support for the minimalist PLO position; an independent state adjoining Israel. It was less complicated, and perhaps more noble, to simply insist on free speech for all.

An organization similar to the ACRI in the U.S., the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) went a step further some years ago: it initiated a suit on behalf of Chicago Nazis whose constitutional right to assemble had been denied. ACLU won the case, but lost a large percentage of its membership.

WHAT A DIFFERENCE six months and an election can make. Moderator Ruth Gavison, also of the Hebrew University law faculty, in introducing the subject last week, made no bones about the target — Kahane-style racism. The only question was how best to fight it.

To dispel any doubts about where ACRI stood in the pre-election debate over the right to run for the Knesset she utterly rejected the symmetry which permeated the discussion. Kach on the right was equated with the Progressive List for Peace on the left. The Central Election Committee first disqualified both; then the Supreme Court merged their appeals and granted both, presumably on the same grounds — the Election Committee's lack of authority to pass a political judgment. (The reasoned judgment has not yet been published.)

If this proves to be correct, the court will have adopted Haim Cohn's minority view in the only previous similar case — the banning of the Arab nationalist Socialist List in 1965.

ACRI also agreed with Kach's appeal, Gavison confessed, but only "because the Election Committee, a political body, should not be empowered to deny the right to run." In fact, Kach should have been banned, she added, by a more appropriate judicial panel, and on clearly defined grounds. The organization is preparing proposals for legislation to disqualify election lists whose platforms or actions would constitute a threat to the civil rights of others or to democracy.

But this, she stressed, would definitely not have applied to the PLP, whose number one candidate and now MK Mohammed Mi'ari was also a candidate on the banned 1965 list. Stepping beyond Cohn's purely procedural defence of that party's right to run then, Gavison explained:

"Whoever would have the PLP disqualified on the basis of its stated platform is saying that he believes there cannot be coexistence between Arabs and Jews in this country. And that belief is the fundamental assumption of racism."

A far cry from the smug, "non-partisan" position of merely supporting free speech for everyone, while trying to divorce it from all politics.

GAVISON WENT ON to describe the dilemma still facing ACRI: the imperative to stand up and fight, now that the illusions of mild racism is a marginal phenomenon has been shattered, but an imperative tempered by the fear that the price might be too high in terms of restricting the right of free expression, or that precedents could be employed to silence critics of the regime in general.

It is still not wise in most cases, she concluded, to silence even racists like Kahane. The Knesset should be an exception, because of its symbolic, representative nature. Membership in it gives undeserved legitimacy to a party like Kach, which would exploit democratic institutions to destroy them.

The opposite view, however, has now become legitimate within ACRI, and it was represented at last week's forum by Hebrew University history Prof. Yehoshua Arieli.

A group like Kach, he said without hesitation, should be outlawed. Persons who would deny the fundamental freedoms of others on the basis of race, nationality or religion, should not themselves be granted free speech.

Arieli also listed two special reasons why such views should not be allowed public expression in Israel. First of all, a Jewish state cannot afford to grant legitimacy to the methods used by anti-Semites the world over, past and present. It would only further endanger Jews in the Diaspora.

Secondly, amid the general crisis of liberal humanism in the world, Israel continues to face its own specific crises, both external and internal. Hatred flowing across its borders tends to be reflected within the still young society, and 17 years of rule by force over Palestinians in the territories has adversely affected relations between Jews and Arabs within the state as well.

Pointing to various opinion surveys which showed widespread willingness to partially forgo democracy for the sake of national unity, Arieli insisted that to save itself, Israeli democracy must set its own norms as limits. Those who would use democracy to destroy it should be totally outside the law, not only outside the Knesset.

Responding, Gavison did not negate the stress placed by Arieli on the law's symbolic role in moulding individual citizens' behaviour and thus, potentially, a nation's fate. But she cited a number of criminal offences already on the books which could conceivably be used against racists like Kahane and are not. One definition of "rebellion," for instance (Sec. 136(4) of the Criminal Code), is "arousing conflict or hostility between different section sectors of the population." Kahane was in fact once charged on this count, but acquitted.

THE DEBATE was not resolved in one evening. But as the floor was opened to the audience, the question of whether Kach should be outlawed was supplanted by a growing realization that whatever ACRI feels, its views are unlikely to carry much weight with most of the legislature.

Dr. Dina Goren, in her address, had already argued that perhaps the most dangerous thing about Kahane is that other groups, both in and out of the Knesset, whose ideas are really similar, appear more moderate in comparison. She lashed out at the press for undermining its own credibility by ignoring potentially dangerous social developments, and for contributing to the "dehumanization of the enemy by not responding to oppression and by failing to defend freedom for the Arab press, all out of a desire to remain within the consensus."

Things have begun to change for the better since the Lebanon war, she said, but it may be too late. Now, the press itself is a target of the much-strengthened right.

Pursuing this theme, Prof. Yeshayahu Leibovitz recalled that one of Kach's favourite slogans, "There is no Palestinian people," was made famous by the late Golda Meir. The first West Bank settlements after the 1967 war were founded not by Gush Emunim, but by the Kibbutz Movement.

Another speaker in the audience argued that it would be difficult to outlaw racism as long as it is official practice in some areas. Hardly anyone batted an eyelid, he noted, when a moshav member recently had some of his land taken from him as a punishment for having allowed "strangers" — Israeli citizens who happened to be Arabs — to remain on the farm overnight during the busy harvest season. It is totally accepted, the speaker pointed out, for groups of Jewish youths to do exactly the same, only then it is called a "work camp" and praised as good citizenship.

Suddenly, Arieli's exposition of the value of an anti-racist law sounded unbearably utopian — it would not be ACRI which would be charged with enforcing it. And by merely favouring a law to enable the disqualification of Knesset lists, might the organization be helping to pass a much more restrictive version being proposed by the Justice Ministry, one which would likely foreclose the PLP as well as Kach?

"Perhaps we are all being naive," Gavison reflected. She described the shock ACRI leaders had experienced a few days previously, when they circulated the mildest of mild petitions among the newly-elected MKs, opposing the idea of expelling Arabs as contradictory to the Declaration of Independence and the Torah.

"We had hoped for 119 signatures and expected 110," she said, "but only 34 were willing to add their names. Maybe it would have been better not to try at all."

As they filed out, some of those present possibly better understood Haim Cohn, who had poured out his despair, excused himself and gone home two hours earlier. On the other hand, his muted call for efforts at education against racism, together with the dialectic set in motion by the Kahane earthquake, just might convince some dedicated civil libertarians that it is not enough to fight for the right of a view you despise to be heard. Sometimes, it may even be dangerous to do so without, at the same time, making sure to fight much harder against the view itself.



THE REPUBLICAN national convention in Dallas this week clearly demonstrated what the Democratic convention in San Francisco did a month earlier — namely, that in the current American political environment, Israel and the Middle East are not really major issues at present.

The newspaper headlines and television coverage during both political gatherings focused on all sorts of other contentious issues — taxes, the budget, Central America, East-West relations, nuclear war, abortion, homosexual rights and prayer in schools, to name but a few. There was only scant mention of the Middle East.

Israeli officials and American Jewish leaders were among the first to recognize that Israel — at least for the time being — has been taken off the front pages of American's daily newspapers.

With the removal of U.S. troops from Lebanon, the unlikely prospect of any genuine peace talks getting off the ground and the continuing political stalemate in Jerusalem, that is likely to be the case for some time to come.

Both Democratic and Republican party platforms included mandatory pro-Israel planks, with specific reference to Israel's strategic and moral importance to the United States. And that section of the platform was not the source of considerable debate among party regulars at either convention.

# ISRAEL ON THE SIDELINES

By WOLF BLITZER / Post Washington Correspondent

At both gatherings, moreover, important speakers referred to Israel only in passing. United Nations Ambassador Jean Kirkpatrick, for example, delivered a down-the-line anti-Soviet address on Monday night in Dallas, with only one direct reference to Israel: "The Reagan administration," she declared, "has prevented the expulsion of Israel from the United Nations."

AT THE Democratic convention, New York Governor Mario Cuomo also included only a brief mention of Israel in his stirring keynote address: "We have been less than zealous in our support of the only real friend we have in the Middle East, the one democracy there, our flesh-and-blood ally, the State of Israel."

Neither presidential nominee Walter Mondale nor his running mate, Geraldine Ferraro, made any mention of Israel in their acceptance speeches.

The Republicans, from their part, have an important interest in avoiding too much talk of the Middle East during this campaign. The reason is

the ill-fated U.S. Marine peacekeeping role in Beirut, including the deaths of more than 250 American soldiers.

In short, the Middle East has not exactly been a source of much pride among the Reagan stalwarts.

At the same time, the Democrats are having a hard time making the Middle East an effective weapon for beating their political opponents with Israeli leaders, including Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir and Defense Minister Moshe Arens, seem to have pulled the rug out from under their feet. They have repeatedly affirmed in recent months that U.S.-Israeli ties have never been better. It is hard for the Democrats, many observers have noted, to be "holier than the pope."

THE REPUBLICAN convention further underscored the continuing drift to the conservative wing of the party. Four years ago, at the gathering in Detroit, there were still many so-called Republican "moderates" with an active say in the platform and the overall political strategy of the

party. But now, these moderates, particularly Connecticut Senator Lowell Weicker and Maryland Senator Charles Mathias, have been mostly shut out. The Republican platform is down-the-line conservative, veering to the right even of many positions advanced by President Ronald Reagan himself.

If Reagan is indeed re-elected in November — as most polls now suggest — this move to the right will be seen to be vindicated and will continue through to the 1988 convention.

Israel has been fortunate in the process. In recent years, it has cultivated some of the most active, young conservatives among the Republicans, including New York Congressman Jack Kemp and Wisconsin Senator Bob Kasten. Kemp was chairman of the foreign policy section of the platform, and was particularly instrumental in ensuring that support for Israel was dramatically reaffirmed in that document.

He and Kasten, moreover, were the keynote speakers at a luncheon

in Dallas on Monday sponsored by the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC), the pro-Israel lobbying organization.

The two men told their audience that the Republican Party cannot continue to score points among the American Jewish community by simply mentioning the name of Jimmy Carter. They pledged to take the lead in strengthening Jewish links to the Republican Party.

THE SAME THEME was contained in an address to another Jewish audience in Dallas on Tuesday, this time by New York Republican Senator Alfonse D'Amato, an outspoken supporter of Israel since entering the Senate four years ago.

A staunch conservative, D'Amato has gained increasing influence among the now mainstream wing of the Republican Party. In the process, he has been bolstered by other conservative senators, especially Florida's Paula Hawkins.

It was also clear at the Republican convention that Israel was blessed with the very active support of yet

another critically important segment of the party — the fundamentalist, new-right Christians, led by the Rev. Jerry Falwell and his Moral Majority organization.

They have been assiduously courted by the Likud government of recent years, particularly by former prime minister Menachem Begin, who was to have come to Dallas in November 1982 to address the First Baptist Church, perhaps the major spiritual center of Christian fundamentalism in America. The death of his wife, however, forced a cancellation of that engagement.

THUS, ISRAEL SEEMS to have positioned itself very well among the new power-brokers of the Republican Party. Even some of those traditional opponents of Israel — such as North Carolina Senator Jesse Helms — are sounding a different, more pro-Israel note in their most recent pronouncements.

At the Republican convention in Dallas, there was no parallel anti-Israel theme expressed by some of the Rev. Jesse Jackson's supporters at the Democratic convention in San

Francisco. The Jackson forces had pushed for a more flexible U.S. attitude towards the PLO in the drafting of the Democratic platform. Their efforts were decisively defeated by the Walter Mondale and Gary Hart delegates.

But at the Republican convention, there was absolutely no indication that anyone was seeking any similar pro-Arab theme.

There are still, to be sure, more Jews active in the higher echelons of the Democratic Party. But the Republicans are increasingly attracting influential, articulate, wealthy and determined Jews to their ranks. This was very much evident in Dallas.

Indeed, one of the darlings of the new leaders of the Republican Party is Lewis Lehrman, a wealthy New York businessman who was narrowly defeated by Cuomo in the New York governor's race two years ago. There has even been talk of Lehrman's name being put forward for the Republican nomination in 1988.

But there are also many other possibilities, including Vice President George Bush, Senate majority leader Howard Baker, Kansas Senator Robert Dole, and Congressman Kemp.

Given the mood in Dallas, the momentum continues to be moving in the direction of Kemp and his hard-core conservatives.

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THE BOOK of Deuteronomy (*Deuteronimus*, meaning second law, a translation of the Hebrew *Mishna Torat*), deals primarily with the presentation of a blue-print for the life of an ideal society coming into its promised land. It prescribes every detail of the good life, which not only makes a people prosperous and happy, but also grants every individual the status of full equality in the eyes of the law and in the range of opportunities open to each.

It is indeed an ideal, if not a Utopian picture, which is described in the unfolding chapters of Deuteronomy, yet is realistic enough to accept the sober fact that "poor folk will never cease to be in the land" (Deut. 15:7). Human society, even at the peak of its social advancement, will always have its deprived and its poor. Their immediate problems should not be "tabled" until such a time when the overall reform of the "system" will take place, but it is you, the individual, that "I command to open (your) hand to (your) fellows, to the destitute and the needy in (your) land," (ibid. 11).

This command of an "open hand" of Moses uttered in the wilderness, accompanied Israel throughout its history, playing a most important role in the dramatic survival of the Jewish people and remains today, a typical trait — almost second nature — of the individual Jew.

A few years ago, on a visit to America, I was told the amusing story about a corporal at morning parade calling off the names of the men in his unit:

"Kelly!" he shouted.  
"Here," came the response.  
"Armstrong!"  
"Here."  
Then came the turn of Private Cohen.

WHEN GENERAL ROMMEL was virtually at the gates of Palestine during World War II, the Jews would say: "Where to now? Only the sea is left for us."

Nowadays, when General Banruptcy is at the throat of Israel and Israelis ask one another, "Where to now?" we have both the sea and the air — even if it's another 15 per cent on our dollars plus \$100 — for a jaunt to the promising lands across the Mediterranean or the Atlantic, to get "away from it all."

However, once back in the Promised Land, many erstwhile travellers may turn their eyes heavenwards and sigh out loud: "I wish I could go live in a desert, where I could find some peace and quiet!"

Not for long, though. Not after our wishful-thinking Israelis get to read what a desert-dweller from California has to say about his deserted little place. His letter, as it appeared in a local newspaper, is a reply to a request for the payment of

## Giving freely

TORA TODAY Pinhas Peli

"Cohen!" shouted the corporal. Whereupon Cohen, being accustomed to so many charity appeals, automatically responded:

"Twenty-five dollars!" Private Cohen's response was undoubtedly an echo of the words expressed thousands of years earlier, and since then ingrained over so many generations into the Jewish way of life: "If you have a poor man of your fellow countrymen, in any township of the land which the Eternal your God gives you, you must not harden your heart, nor shut your hand, against your poor brother. You must open your hand to him, lending enough to meet his needs," (15:7-8).

Like most other commandments in the Torah, this command did not remain a piece of moralistic advice, but has been embodied in a set of laws which prescribes, in great detail, when and how a person should practise this "open hand."

Moses says, "If you have a poor man of your fellow countrymen," and the Rabbis from here derived the rule that "The poor of thine own city should be helped before those of another city."

Moses also says, "In any township which the Eternal gives you," the Rabbis and teach, that one must assist the poor in the Holy Land before helping anyone who dwells outside the land of Israel.

ALL THE LAWS of giving are grouped under the heading of *Tzedaka*, translated usually as charity, but actually meaning righteousness.

The Rabbis' choice of the term *tzedaka* for the act of helping the poor, could not have been accidental. It is in effect the theory that assisting the poor is not an act of grace on the part of the donor, but a duty. By giving charity the donor is merely practising righteousness — performing a deed of justice. As such, no less important than the giving itself is the "art of giving." The Torah warns us (ibid. 10) "you should surely give... (but) your heart should not grieve when you give."

Opening our hand to the needy should not be tainted by committing them to go through a maze of committees and networks of social workers and bureaucrats, who sometimes forget that their job is to give help and alleviate distress. The Torah expects that we teach ourselves how to give "with a smile," and not complain of financial difficulties.

Maimonides, (1135-1204) the great codifier of Jewish Law, states this principle in clear terms, "Whoever closes his eyes against charity is like the idol-worshipper, impious... whoever gives alms to the poor with bad grace and downcast looks, though he bestow a thousand gold pieces, all the merit of his action is lost; but he must give with grace, gladly, sympathizing with the poor man in distress." Maimonides also suggests the structure of an eight-stage ladder in the art of giving; each

stage lower than the other, until we reach the lowest stage.

Better than helping the poor in giving charity is granting the needy a gift or a loan, entering into a partnership with him or procuring him work, thereby helping him to become self-supporting. Inferior to this is giving charity in such a way that the giver and the recipient are unknown to each other; next is the donation of money to a charitable fund of the community; below this is the instance where the donor is aware of to whom he is giving charity, but the recipient is unaware of from whom he received it; next is the case where the recipient knows the identity of the donor but not vice versa (like the Rabbis about whom it is told in the Talmud, *Ketubot 67b*, that they used to tie sums of money in linen bundles and throw them behind their backs for the poor people to pick up, so that they should not feel shame).

The next four degrees are: one who gives money to the poor before he is asked; one who gives money to the poor after he is asked; one who gives less than he should, but does it with good grace, and lastly, he who gives grudgingly (Yad, Matnot Ani'im, 10:1-14).

The sages of the Talmud (*Baba Bathra 9a*) considered that "charity is equal to all other precepts put together" and Maimonides, in the twelfth century, after setting forth in detail all the laws pertaining to *tzedaka*, testifies, that "we have never heard or seen that a Jewish community would be without a charity chest."

Re'eh Deuteronomy (1:26-16:17) is the Bible portion read on Saturday August 25. Rabbi Peli is Professor of Jewish Thought and Literature, Ben Gurion University of the Negev.

## Taxes, taxes

By EMMA KIMOR/Special to The Jerusalem Post

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dog licences. I am also required to contribute to every society and organization which the genius of man is capable of bringing to life; to women's relief, unemployed relief and gold diggers relief. Also to every hospital and charitable institution."

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informed, required, summoned, fined, commanded and compelled until I provide an inexhaustible supply of money for every known need of the human race."

"Simply because I refuse to donate something or other, I am boycotted, talked about, lied about, held up, held down and robbed until I am almost ruined. I can tell you honestly that, except for a miracle that happened, I could not enclose this cheque."

"But the wolf that comes to my door nowadays just had pups in my kitchen. I sold them and here is the money."

That's the way it is in the desert. Perhaps if the writer of that letter ever heard of our blossoming little Garden of Eden out here, he might then turn his eyes heavenwards, sigh out loud and whisper: "I wish I could go live in Israel, where I would have some peace and happiness!"

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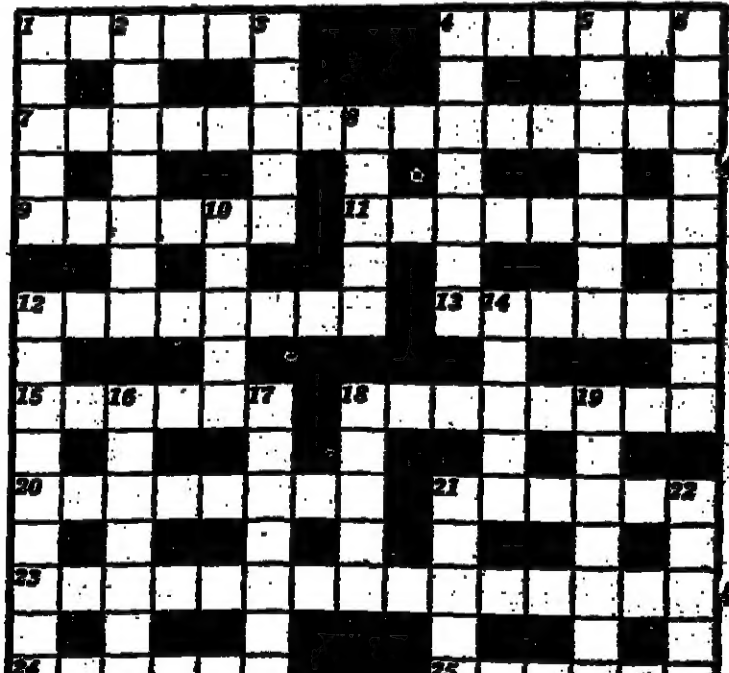
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**ACROSS**

- 1 Fell over, taking out a pound, so had a little drink... (6)
- 4 ... Being angry resentful about something intonating (6)
- 7 Footballer not late for his job? Very well, then (5, 3, 7)
- 9 Seafood not cooked in it (6)
- 11 What good shape? Then take it! (8)
- 12 Steps before the start (8)
- 13 Offend, but not very much (6)
- 15 Exchange them for Indians (8)
- 16 Gave the facts about wine plant by the river (8)
- 20 Revolutionary start to the clothing trade... (8)
- 21 ... And reigned in France in revolutionary times! (6)
- 23 Where most make their mark, as it were, in business (2, 3, 8, 4)
- 24 Last to hold out (6)
- 25 Pushed in to get more warmth! (6)



**DOWN**

- 1 The flat opposite! (5)
- 2 Certainly not public enemy he tries to kill (7)
- 3 Pulls one's weight, as it were! (6)
- 4 Steam vessels producing it (7)
- 5 Coming after one cutting off the last of the beam, for instance (7)
- 6 A and thing is by us! (9)
- 8 Get speed up for the mighty ocean! (5)
- 10 Relative in Common Market reshuffle (5)
- 12 Lets us discuss high from low (9)
- 14 Being slack, let go (5)
- 16 Gave one's view of a subject (7)
- 17 Slid new letters out to cheat (7)
- 18 Just left? No (5)
- 19 For one period, it has a point the little beast (7)
- 21 With a line, get a fix! (3, 2)
- 22 Scottish measures — of cotton? (5)

**'Quickie'**

**ACROSS**

- 1 Compelled (6)
- 4 Quietened down (6)
- 7 Biblical code of laws (5, 12)
- 9 Lifts up (6)
- 11 More clearly lit (8)
- 12 Enrol at an hotel (6)
- 13 Not growing abundantly (6)
- 15 Moves hurriedly (6)
- 18 Hold down (8)
- 20 Carry on (8)
- 21 Shopkeeper (6)
- 23 Predecessor of the U.N. (6, 2, 7)
- 24 Give up weapons (6)
- 25 Gives mountaineering calls (6)

**DOWN**

- 1 Bring (5)
- 2 Sounding a bell (7)
- 3 Stockpiles of stores (5)
- 4 They help golfers (7)
- 5 Schoolchild with special duties (7)
- 6 Military criminals (9)
- 8 Traffic-light colour (5)
- 10 Flavour (5)
- 12 Held up to laughter (8)

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# Money Matters

## Share volume falls back below \$1m.

**By PINHAS LANDAU**  
TEL AVIV. — The share market remained mixed as volume fell sharply yesterday. Bonds moved ahead for the second consecutive day.

In the share market, almost no trace remains of the upward move that was the dominant feature throughout last week and into the first part of this. The number of advances and declines, and the number of sharp up moves and down moves were almost equal yesterday. The volume fell back to the level of the equivalent of \$1 million (IS319m.) and this was split almost evenly between the arrangement sector and the free sectors. In short, there was great even-handedness in a market that was almost non-existent yesterday.

Index-linked bonds moved ahead again, as this market begins to attract demand from institutional investors. The banks are reporting growing interest in savings schemes and provident funds in the last few weeks, and they are covering their requirements by buying bonds in the market, since prices are so weak at the moment.

Total volume was again less than IS1 billion, reflecting the continuing lack of interest in share and bond investments at this time.

**Announcements**  
Oren-Hachilov Hachilov reported an adjusted profit of IS17.9m. for the first six months of 1984, a welcome turnaround from the equivalent of IS3.3m. loss in the first half of 1983, and the huge IS43.2m. loss for the whole of last year.

Property and Building Company,

### Tel Aviv Stock Exchange

By PINHAS LANDAU

one of the major firms in the industry, reported an adjusted profit of IS57.7m. for the January-June 1984 period, after losing an equivalent IS52.3m. in the same period last year.

**Hadarim Properties**, a subsidiary of Property and Building, announced an adjusted loss of IS48.8m. for the half-year. The company is the centre of the branch of Property and Building that is involved in the citrus fruit industry, from orchards to processing and marketing.

**JOEL Exploration** notified the exchange that its July 1 drilling reached a depth of 4,000m. on August 15. The company and its associates are now preparing to test the well at a number of levels, a process that will take several weeks. Special equipment and experts have been brought in to help in these tasks.

**Readimex Industries (Israel)** has presented a preliminary prospectus to the exchange. The company intends to issue IS5 shares and to raise IS1,164m. for the establishment of three new factories to produce cement and for working capital and equipment purchases.

**Readimex Industries** produces prepared cement — (i.e. cement that is prepared off the building site and brought there while fresh and ready for pouring) — in 28 factories, as well as marketing it and supplying it to building sites. Prepared cement

### MARKET STATISTICS

#### Indices

General Share Index	296.64	+0.44%
Non-bank Index	222.57	+0.17%
Arrangement Index	348.58	+0.58%
Industrial	229.98	+0.42%
Bond Index	274.64	+1.56%

#### Turnovers

Shares	IS318.9m.
Bonds	IS630.3m.
Totals	IS949.2m.

Advances	157
Declines	154
of which 5% +	44
of which 5% -	41
"Buyers only"	11
"Sellers only"	3

#### Bond market trends

4% fully-linked	Rise to 3%
3% fully-linked	Rises to 4.5%
80% linked	Rises to 4.5%
90% linked	Rises to 3%
Double-option	Mixed to 3%
Dollar-linked	Falls to 3%

#### Most Active Shares

Leumi	4785	IS48.8m.	+50
Hapoalim	7542	IS34.4m.	+37
IDB	11039	IS31.5m.	+79

#### Sharpest Moves

Kadman op.	170	-40	-19.1%
Andin op.	840	-10	-16%
Baruch op.	72	-13	-15.3%

accounts for some 65 per cent of the total cement production in Israel at the present, and Readimex estimates it holds about 20 per cent of the prepared cement market.

The company owned by the Export Investment Company to the tune of 32.5 per cent, with the main shareholding (67.5 per cent) in the hand of the RMC Group of Britain, the world's largest producer of prepared cement.

### New car goes sideways for easier parking

**TOKYO (AP).** — Toyo Kogyo Co. the maker of Mazda automobiles, has designed an experimental car with a four-wheel steering system that enables it to move sideways into cramped parking spaces.

The car, which a company spokesman calls "an ideal... family car of the 1990s," will be demonstrated at a trade show in the U.S. this month and debuted at the 25th Tokyo Motor Show in October.

The Mazda MX-02's computer-controlled four-wheel system not only makes parking and turning easier — but also increases stability at high speeds.

The rear wheels turn in the direction opposite to the powered front wheels when stationary or at speeds below 40kph. The rear and front wheels turn in the same direction at speeds above 40kph, or at variable angles at speeds above 40kph, for changing lanes on highways.

The car's computer can unlock the doors and automatically adjust seats, steering wheel and sideview mirror. In addition, an electronic system projects speed, direction, and warning signals onto the windshield, so the driver need not take his or her eyes off the road.

### LONDON BANK RATES

	Aug 23, 1984	close
Bank base rate	10 1/2	10 1/2
Call money	12	12
91 day treasury	10 1/2	10 1/2
3 months interbank	10 1/2	10 1/2

Lloyds Bank

### Bank of Israel exchange rates

	Aug 23, 1984	IS
U.S. dollar	316.56	415.55
British sterling	110.42	110.42
German mark	35.954	35.954
French franc	97.855	97.855
Dutch guilder	132.62	132.62
Swiss franc	38.117	38.117
Swedish krona	38.348	38.348
Norwegian krone	30.307	30.307
Danish krone	52.463	52.463
Japanese yen (100)	243.59	243.59
Canadian dollar	203.91	203.91
Australian dollar	54.693	54.693
South African rand	178.22	178.22
Belgian franc (10)	178.58	178.58
Austrian schilling (10)	121.21	121.21
Italian lire (1000)	340.62	340.62
Irish pound	192.71	192.71
Spanish peseta (100)	813.56	813.56
Jordanian dinar	49.850	49.850
Lebanese lira	267.49	267.49
Egyptian pound	267.49	267.49

### Services

Dekel	2529	58	-6	-2
Harel	1395	90	+10	+7
Harel S	960	2	+5	+2
Lighterage 0.1	1425	137	-30	-2.1
Lighterage 0.5	745	107	n.c.	n.c.
Cold Store 0.1	18500	n.c.	-100	-1.2
Israel Elec. I	778	35	+58	+8.1
Bond Ware 0.1	469	131	n.c.	n.c.
Bond Ware 0.5	248	1023	-1	-4
Consort Hold 1	281	15	-14	-1.4
Consort Hold 5	160	33	-10	-9
Consort op A	141	309	+6	+4.4
Kopel I	420	-	-10	-2.3
Kopel op	209	-	-	-
Leumi	4785	50	+50	+1.1
Hapoalim	7542	37	+37	+0.5
IDB	11039	79	+79	+0.7
Baruch	72	-13	-15.3	-15.3
Andin	840	-10	-16	-16
Kadman	170	-40	-19.1	-19.1

### Hotels, Tourism

Gaiel Zohar	2506	b.o.l	+119	+5.0
Gaiel Zohar S	1099	142	n.c.	n.c.

### United Mizrahi Bank

	FOR 23.8.84	FOR 23.8.84
CURRENCY BASKET	PURCHASE	SALE
"DOLLAR PAZ" 1 UNIT	988.4707	970.4299
"EURO PAZ" 1 UNIT	1078.7782	1062.2306
SDR	328.5597	324.5593

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	FOR 23.8.84	FOR 23.8.84
CHEQUES AND TRANSFERS	PURCHASE	SALE
U.S.A.	314.5574	318.5126
GREAT BRITAIN	412.8959	418.0478
GERMANY	109.7653	111.1249
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Martime 0.5	300	321	n.c.	n.c.
N. American 1	1792	20	-6	-3
N. American 5	1332	-	-10	-1.0
N. Amer. op	2426	50	-12	-1.2
Danot 1	286	34	+26	+10.0
Danot 5	71	664	+1	-2.2
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## Please, not while we eat!

"THIEVES IN THE NIGHT" David Levy belittled yesterday. He was denouncing Labour's agreement with Ezer Weizman. The ostensible perfidy was that Labour had the nerve to negotiate with Mr. Weizman while they were conducting talks with the Likud on a national unity government.

Mr. Levy's plaint in a radio interview echoed over the airways at breakfast time yesterday morning. Those Israelis not aware that the Likud had been feverishly pressing Mr. Weizman to join with it, offering him to be defence minister and acting prime minister in Mr. Shamir's absence, perhaps did not suffer disturbed digestion. But those who knew the truth must have felt their bowels lurch at the brazen dissembling of their country's Deputy Prime Minister.

But there was more for lunchtime. For then it was the turn of Ariel Sharon. He, who had last week gone to see Mr. Weizman with a basketful of blandishments - which, according to insiders, had the reverse effect on Weizman and prompted him to turn to Labour - denied, in another radio interview, that he had offered Weizman anything. His meeting had been a simple social call.

Mr. Sharon has never been suspected of the weakness of veracity. Now Mr. Levy has revealed himself to be a comparable practitioner of Sharon's art.

Both, like Phineas Barnum, apparently believe that "there's a sucker born every minute." That sucker they consider to be the average Israeli - a fool who will believe anything if it is said loud enough, often enough and impudently enough.

But Barnum, so legend has it, at least had a saving grace, for he, with the rather more commendable Abe Lincoln, is given joint credit for another observation: "You can fool all the people some of the time, and some of the people all of the time, but you cannot fool all of the people all of the time." Mr. Levy and Mr. Sharon have yet to demonstrate even such a level of good sense.

However, the Israeli public is not as dull witted as they assume. It is not a circus crowd, bamboozled by the barker's cry.

What it sees is a desperate pack of ministers, unable to accept the possibility that they may have to vacate their positions of power. In that desperation, anything goes.

## Withdrawal pains

BENZION RUBIN's insistence on continuing to avail himself of the perks of the office of Deputy Minister of Labour and Social Affairs, despite his failure to be re-elected to the Knesset, is apposite commentary on the problems entailed in over-long transitional governments.

Had Israel, in its 37th year of independent political life, shown itself capable of forming a new government within days or one or two weeks after elections, such problems would not arise or be kept to a manageable minimum. But more than a month has passed since the elections and by every indication it will take at least another week or two before it becomes clear whether Shimon Peres can indeed set up a coalition.

In the interim it is very unclear what a transitional government may and may not do. On the big issues the evidence is contradictory. Finance Minister Cohen-Orgad is preparing a far-reaching economic retrenchment programme for cabinet approval, although by all indications he is merely going through some muscle-flexing exercises intended to frighten the Histadrut.

But it is among the little foxes that most of the problems arise. Ben Zion Rubin is only one. Outgoing Minister of Agriculture Pessah Grupper has been busy arranging a full-fledged official visit to Washington, although he will in all likelihood no longer be a minister when the visit takes place.

Grupper is also being accused by the Moshav Movement of using his powers to distribute low-interest loans to his cronies as gifts before the elections. But there is no Knesset in which to submit motions for the agenda in which such accusations could be levelled and denied or sent on for investigation, and no Knesset committees to do the investigating.

In its years in power, but especially since 1981, the Likud government, whatever its other faults, has simply proved itself to be an incapable national manager.

That failure is all the more severe in this transition period, when it appears to have wholly lost its bearings. There will be no joy in picking up the pieces.

## A question of legitimacy

By YOSEF GOELL

BY HIS DRAMATIC decision to take his Yahad faction into the Labour Alignment together with Yigael Hurvitz and Aharon Abuhazra, Ezer Weizman seems to have broken the month-long stalemate which followed upon July's inconclusive Knesset elections.

It may well be that by Sunday, Shimon Peres will be able to inform President Herzog that he has succeeded in forming a government, just beating the 21-day deadline allotted by law to a premier-designate.

The Weizman bombshell still makes it theoretically possible to form a broad government of national unity with Labour and the Likud at its centre. But given Mapam's determined opposition to supporting any government with the Likud in it, it is highly unlikely that Peres will agree to run the risk of their six-man faction splitting away from the Alignment.

Which raises the ideological problem of basing a narrow Peres government on the support, with or without strings, of the Communist Rakah and the Arab Progressive List for Peace. For only if the six MKs of these two factions support the 55 members of the Peres coalition will it be able to overcome the 59 nay-sayers who have expressed their preference for a Likud-led government.

THE PASSIONARA of the Right, Geula Cohen, has already come out with an excommunicatory pronouncement, declaring any government formed on the basis of such Arab support "illegitimate."

Political excommunication and delegitimation is a tricky business. There are few things on which I agree with Geula Cohen, but one of them was her pre-election demand that the Progressive List for Peace be disqualified from running in the elections. She argued in the Central Elections Committee, and I in the columns of this paper, that the PLP was a clearly PLO-identified political body, and as such diametrically opposed to the existence and well-being of the Jewish and democratic State of Israel. She and I lost when the decision to disqualify was quashed by the High Court of Justice.

The High Court clearly knows the law better than Geula Cohen or myself. But while correct legally, it was a regrettable decision politically, for which the Knesset in its failure to adopt proper defensive legislation should be faulted.

But I seem to recall that Geula Cohen and her Likud cronies on the Central Elections Committee were very selective in their defence of democracy. They did not support the Alignment motion to disqualify Meir Kahane, who made less of a secret of his contempt for Israeli democracy than did the PLP. Does Geula Cohen really believe that Kahane and his racist goons are any less of a threat and an affront to our democracy than Miar and his PLP subversives?

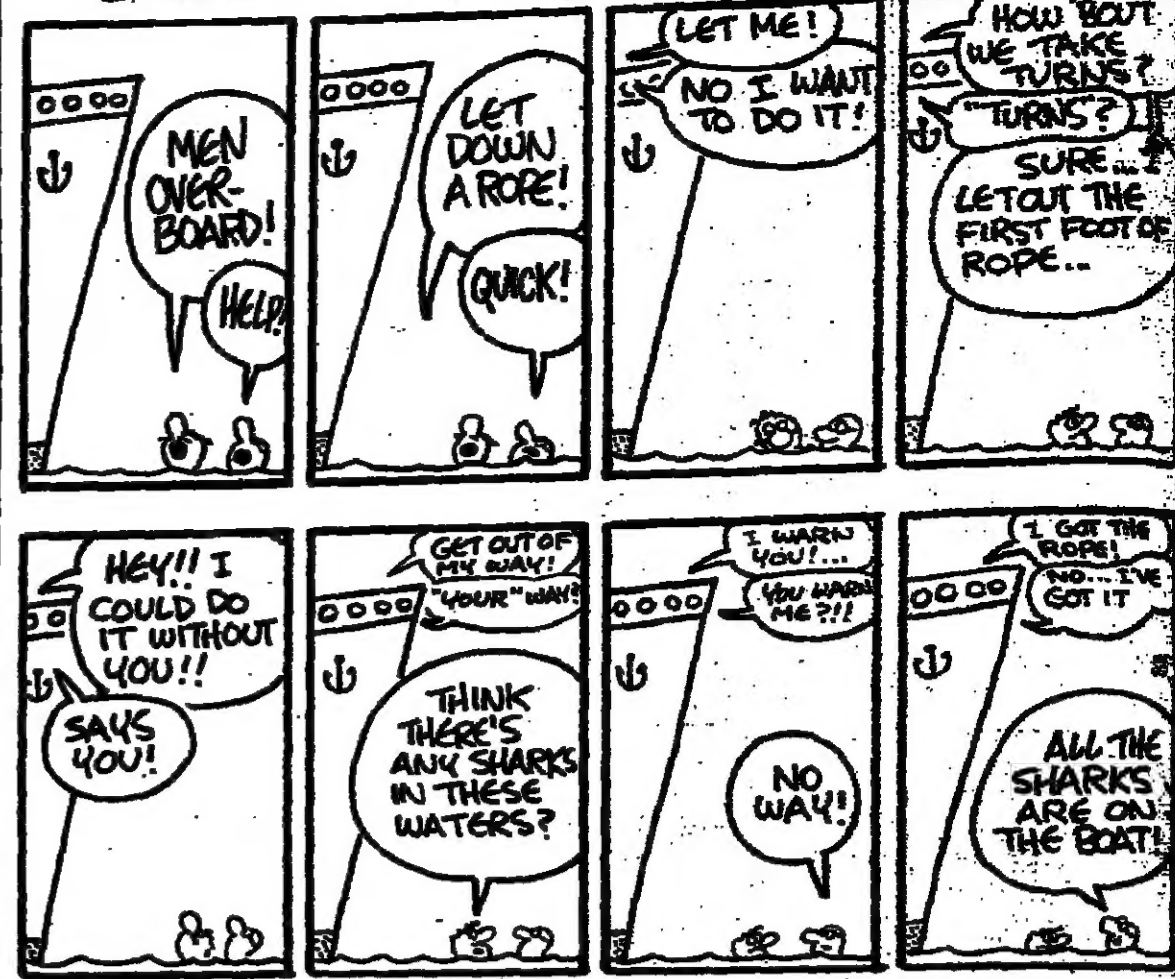
Is there any doubt in anyone's mind that, had the Likud been able to put together a 61-man coalition which depended on Kahane's vote, they would have done so? Did Menachem Begin act any differently when he declined to reject the support of embezzler and vote-buyer Flatto-Sharon in 1977?

THE TRICKY political excommunication business was begun by David Ben-Gurion in 1949, when he declared his readiness to form a coalition with any party except Maki (the defunct Jewish-Arab Israeli Communist Party) and Begin's Herut. The opposition to the Communists was based on concern to prevent a clearly anti-democratic party from utilizing democratic rights to burrow under Israel's fledgling democracy from within.

But the excommunication of Herut, which lasted 18 years and more, until the Six Day War of June 1967, was a matter of political opportunism. Ben-Gurion in the 1930s had been a Mapai maverick, who initiated overtures for close cooperation with the "arch-devil" himself, Vladimir Jabotinsky, the founder of the Revisionist movement. But B-G was overwhelmingly voted down by his Mapai colleagues and chastised for his heresy.

In 1949, the labelling of Herut as being, together with the Communists, beyond the pale, was intended

## The Friday Dry Bones



to give Ben-Gurion's Mapai an effective majority in a Knesset in which it had consistently failed to win a majority from the voters.

THE POSSIBLE formation this weekend of a narrow Labour-led coalition, with the support of anti-Israel factions like the Communists and the PLP, is not only distasteful; it constitutes additional proof, if such were still needed, that our present electoral system is bankrupt.

But politicians must live from day to day, and the most urgent task is the formation of a viable government. But in the face of systemic bankruptcy, politicians should also be capable of rising above themselves to address the pressing need of changing the system itself.

In all likelihood, however, the Labour coalition that will arise will not find itself dependent on the Rakah-PLP votes for more than a few days, if that. The aim of the Peres-Weizman gambit was clearly to shock the NRP and the Aguda into awarding their support to the Alignment once it became clear that Weizman and Hurvitz would not

permit the establishment of a Likud-led coalition in any form.

There is good reason to believe that the NRP on the basis of its past track record, will behave in exactly that manner. This party has always combined true-believer religious orthodoxy with a healthy pragmatic sensitivity for what is politically feasible in a predominantly secular Israel.

Under Menachem Begin, the pendulum swung wildly toward the religious Right. The time is apparently ripe for a reversal of that swing, although certainly not as far back as to the old rabidly anti-religious days of the pre-State yishuv.

Agudat Yisrael with its two MKs will, in all likelihood, recognize political realities and come along too. But it would be desirable for Labour to be extremely circumspect and sparing in the payment it will be prepared to make for the Aguda's support. It might well be preferable to wait for the inevitable splitting away of a large number of Liberal MKs from a Likud relegated to the opposition to join a Weizman-led liberal centre formation.

THE LIKUD could have prevented all of this by being more forthcoming in the conduct of its negotiations with Labour for a government of national unity. But the fact is that under David Levy, the Likud opted for a strategy of stringing Labour along until the deadline for forming a government under Peres had passed.

It was a legitimate try. But one in which they were outmaneuvered by Peres and Weizman.

In 1977, there was speculation as to whether Labour would hand over governmental power willingly and smoothly to a victorious Menachem Begin, after having been in uninterrupted power for 29 years in the state and 13 years before that in the Jewish Agency.

The fact that it did go along with such a hand-over provided the clinching argument for the viability of Israeli democracy.

It would seem that in 1984, after only seven years in power, the Likud had become so wedded to the idea of its rightful monopoly of the right to rule that it found itself psychologically unable to acquiesce in its defeat at the hands of the electorate.

This inability was all the more strange in the light of the open admission by leading Likud personalities that their party had bungled the war in Lebanon and made a shambles of the economy.

The writer is a member of The Jerusalem Post editorial staff.

## READERS' LETTERS

### TERRITORIAL

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir - Did Jewish voters for the Alignment want to assume Jordanian rule in Judea, Samaria and East Jerusalem? Or to free the United States and Egypt from their obligations under the Camp David agreements? I think not. Yet in negotiating for a national unity government, the Labour Party is behaving as if these were its most important goals - more important than putting the economy straight, or even reaching an agreement on settlement policy.

No responsible political party demands negotiations about a matter of life and death like our frontiers at a time of economic crisis, when exerting pressure on us is easy. Has Labour forgotten Hussein's statement that he is only ready for talks about restoring his rule in all territories he lost in 1967 - including East Jerusalem? Or that the United States has never recognized our right to any part of Jerusalem and is refusing to move its embassy there? King Hussein is a dangerous enemy, who attacked us without provocation.

### COMPROMISE

tion in 1967 in disregard of the armistice agreements, desecrated our synagogues and cemeteries, and may well attack us again after signing a "peace treaty" if he thinks he will win.

If Labour continues to insist on "inviting Hussein to talk about everything without pre-conditions," polarization will deepen and no government will be formed. On this crucial issue, the Likud cannot and will not give way. On everything else, including settlement policy, agreement can be reached easily, given a minimum of mutual understanding.

Territorial compromise must be put into cold storage for four years. We have lived without it since 1967 and can well afford to live without it until 1988, when the economy may be sound again, negotiations can be conducted from a position of strength, and the people can vote to decide whether they consider it a viable policy.

YOHANAN RAMATI  
Jerusalem.

### THE LADIES OF MASADA

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir - With all due respect to Rabbi Dr. A. Carlebach, I wish to protest against his letter of August 17 which condemns the new custom of bringing American boys and girls to celebrate their bar/bat mitzva at Masada.

I have witnessed on several occasions the complete joy of these youth at having this great day celebrated on Masada. I have seen weeping mothers - third or even fourth generation American Jews - thanking Ceil Shar and her daughter Marilyn Zienke for enabling them and their children to retain their Jewish heritage. What a contrast with the scene at the Western Wall, where money grubbing is the main theme.

After having brought some 25,000 American youth to Israel, I think that in these days of assimilation, the work of the "Ladies of Masada" should be praised, not condemned.

BARUCH SAVILLE  
Tel Aviv.

### BIGOTRY

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir - Meir Kahane claims to want an Israel with Jewish values. Unfortunately, he seems to be unaware that Jewish values include justice towards all, even "enemies."

With the hatred he spews the psychologically sick Kahane has alienated not only the American public, but also many Jews. The damage he does to the cause is creating a growth of anti-Semitism in America. He provides ammunition for the bigots because he, himself, is a bigot of the worst kind.

JANE KATHRYN CONRAD

Brighton, Colorado.

## POSTSCRIPTS

PS. OUR CONSUMER columnist writes that she recently received the most unusual press release of her career: It contained instructions to women on how to weigh their breasts, complete with illustration. The press release came on behalf of a local brassiere manufacturer, and quoted a statement by a German gynecologist that all women should wear bras unless their breasts are very small, weighing less than 200 grams.

The breast measuring system works on the principle of water displacement. The woman should fill a bowl with water and place it inside a larger empty bowl. Insert one breast into the bowl of water. Measure or weigh the water which spills out into the larger container. An eighth of a litre of water means a breast of 125 grams; a quarter litre equals 250 grams, and a half-litre is 500 grams.

PS. BURYING a patient in desert sand can cure lumbago and rheumatoid arthritis, a Chinese magazine claimed recently.

The monthly China Pictorial said Uygur nationality doctors in northwest China's Xinjiang region have been using sand therapy for more than a century.

The desert sands of the Turpan Basin in the vast autonomous region, bordering the Soviet Union, soak up more than 3,000 hours of sunshine a year and in summer reach a surface temperature of 80c, the report said.

"Hot enough to bake eggs," it added.

Solar radiation, magnetism, mechanical pressure and heat retention help make the treatment work, the report said.

"Patients of many nationalities have benefited from this restful and economical treatment," the article said.

It was accompanied by pictures of Chinese patients lying half-submerged in the sand, protected from the sun by blankets or umbrellas and drinking water to prevent dehydration.

Treatment is given at a desert sanatorium set up in 1966 at Five Star Commune in Turpan County, the magazine said.

The treatment, which uses no medicines, has a curative rate of 89.6 per cent in rheumatoid arthritis and 94.8 per cent for lumbago.

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